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WHAT HITLER WILL OFFER

London, To-day. According to the German Press, quoted by Radio Rome, when Hitler makes his peace offer to-day, a small Polish State under German protection will be offered, on the basis that it will be established only on condition that hostilities cease in the West! — Reuter.

SAYS COL. STIMSON: ALLIES FIGHTING AMERICA'S BATTLE

New York, To-day.

MR. H. L. STIMSON, who was the American Secretary of State during the invasion of Manchuria, in a broadcast throughout the United States last night, urged the fullest support for the cause of the Allies.

Britain and France, he declared, are fighting a battle which, if it should be lost, would become our battle. That is the chief thing for us to remember.

It is in the interests of our own safety that we should repeal a dangerous and foolish arms embargo and return to the wiser policy of our forefathers.

Repeal of the embargo, said Mr. Stimson, would encourage Britain and France, and help the nations that were wavering in a decision not to join the Dictators.

The world is facing one of the

most powerful, deliberate and dangerous efforts at organized aggression the world has ever seen. Peace-loving nations, faced with this peril, were thrown back on their own remaining resource, self-defence. Woe to them, he concluded, if the privilege was not left them of buying arms in the world market for the purposes of defence. — Reuter.

"AN ORDERLY RETREAT FROM WAR"
Washington, To-day.

The Senate yesterday debated for the third day the Neutrality Revision Bill.

A Republican Senator suggested that the cash and carry clause be separated from the mandatory arms embargo, and asked that his suggestion be considered by the foreign relations committee.

If the proposal is considered it will be voted on Monday.

A Democratic Senator said the Bill was the most complete and orderly retreat from war that any nation could make. — Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST: North-East and East winds; moderate; fine to cloudy. The typhoon is now approximately 650 miles to the East of Manila moving W.N.W.

ETON BOYS ARE BACK—WITH GAS MASKS.—The familiar sight of top-hatted schoolboys is again seen in the streets of Eton as the famous Eton College has re-opened. But there is a difference—the boys all carry their gas masks. Photo shows young Etonians carrying their gas masks in the orthodox boxes. (Air Mail Copyright).

HISTORICAL LANDMARK

London, To-day.

The German-Soviet Agreement must be regarded as a very important historical landmark, writes "Pravda," quoted by Moscow radio.

The logical outcome of the non-aggression pact shows that Germany and the Soviet can collaborate to their mutual advantage despite their different political systems. — Reuter.

SALVAGE PROBLEMS

London, To-day.

It was announced in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon that the Minister of Supply is considering the setting up of an organisation to deal with salvage.

The Minister is consulting with other departments concerned. — Reuter.

U-BOAT RAMMED AND SUNK

Paris, To-day.

A Nazi submarine is believed to have rammed and sunk by a French tanker.

The sinking, according to the report, is believed to have been established by the all which spread over the surrounding sea. The tanker drove into the U-boat, which was below surface. — Reuter.

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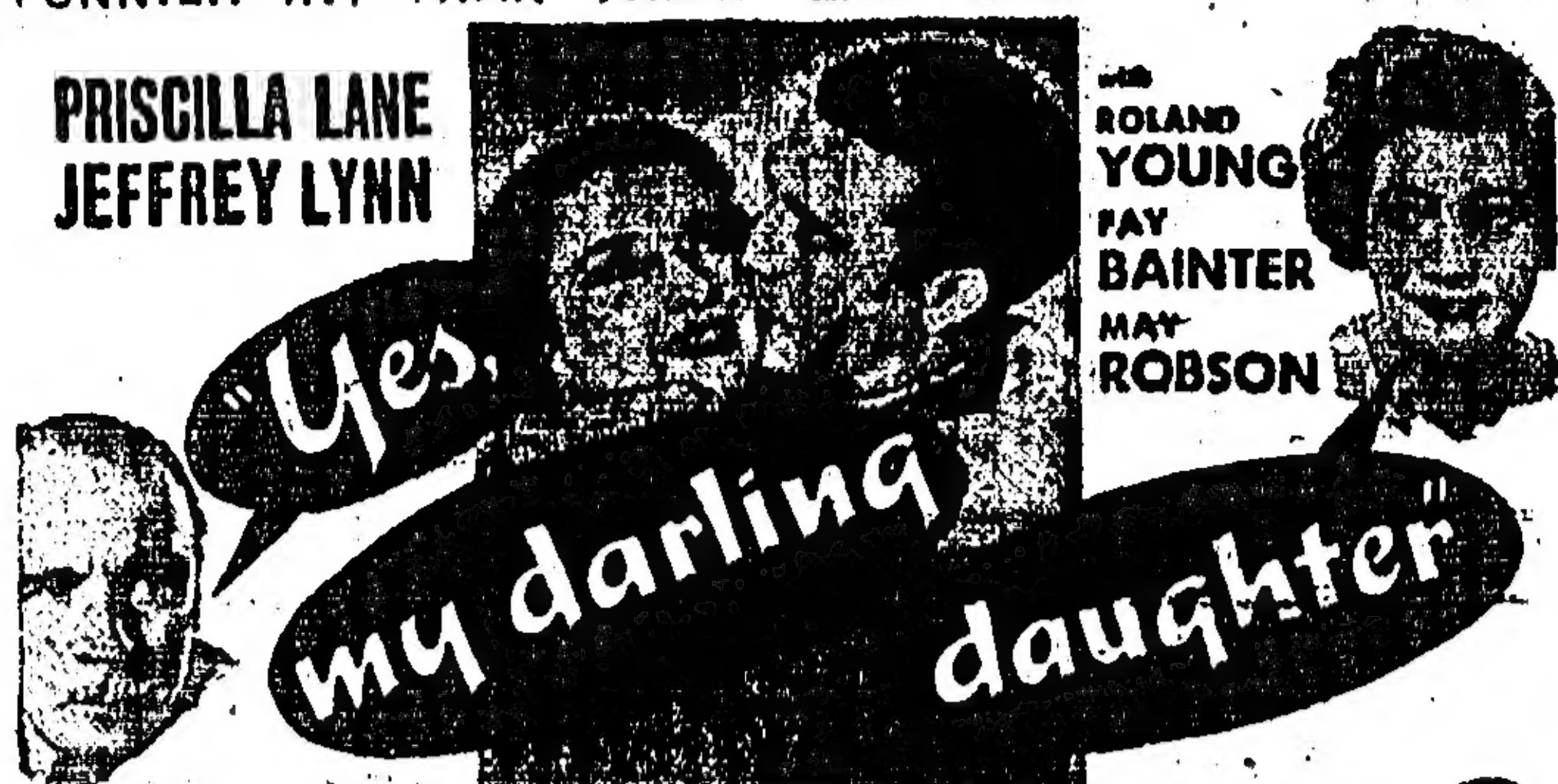
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London, To-day.

It was stated in London yesterday that there is reason to believe that Germany has lost half of the sea-going U-boats she had at the beginning of the war.

The fact that only one small British ship has been sunk in the past week is proof of the effectiveness of the anti-submarine campaign.

It is known that there are still a few enemy submarines lurking round our shores, but these are being relentlessly hunted down.

The fact is that the morale of the U-boat crews has been badly shaken, and they have been forced to leave the regular shipping lanes and take to marauding further afield. — Reuter.

**REUTER MAN
ARRESTED**

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

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**SWEDISH
NAVAL
ACTION**

Stockholm, To-day.

One hundred Swedish merchant-ships are being armed and will assist the Swedish Navy to patrol territorial waters.

It is also proposed that the whole Swedish coast be marked by buoys at the three-mile limit.—Reuter.

**MACKENSEN
STIRS
NAZI ARMY**

London, To-day.

The celebrations of the 90th birthday of Field-Marshal von Mackensen have been cancelled, says a message from Zurich.

Reason is that the veteran German leader vented his wrath at the death of his friend, General von Fritsch, which he ascribed to spite on the part of Hitler.

Field-Marshal von Mackensen entered the German army 70 years ago, and will be 90 in December.

Cancellation of the celebrations has caused a considerable stir in German military circles.—Reuter.

quarter hours of detention when the British military authorities intervened.

Ward was well treated and the Japanese later apologised, saying they had worked on wrong information, and promised to return the apparatus.—Reuter.

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FUNNY STORY OR GRIM NAZI THREAT?

AMERICANS WARNED THAT SHIP WILL BE SUNK

Washington, To-day.

THE WHITE HOUSE announced last night that the head of the German Navy has told the United States naval attache in Berlin that the American steamer Iroquois, from Europe to the United States with evacuated Americans, will be sunk when she nears the American coast!

Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's secretary, announcing this, said the warning had been fully discussed by the Cabinet and it was decided that all the facts should be made known.

The information, he said, had been conveyed to the United States naval attache in Berlin by Grand-Admiral Raeder, the Nazi naval chief.

The Iroquois is a 6,210-ton vessel and is owned by the New York and Miami Steamship Co., the managers of which are the Clyde Steamship Co.

Mr. Early said that Admiral Raeder tried to connect his "warning" with the sinking of the Athenia, the suggestion being, of course, that the Iroquois would be sunk by a British or French craft in an attempt to throw the blame on Germany and antagonise American opinion against Germany.

American opinion ridicules the idea that such action by the British or French is possible, but points out that that does not mean that the Iroquois is in no danger.

"We do not believe," said one high administrative official, "that Britain or France would do any such thing as to sink an American ship. The warning from Germany viewed in that light is an extraordinary thing."

ESCORT TO BE SENT

It is revealed that Admiral Raeder's "warning" was received from Berlin by President Roosevelt on Wednesday night, and the information, after a Cabinet meeting, was relayed to the British and French Governments.

The master of the "Iroquois" has been advised to keep a special lookout and given a rendezvous with coastguard vessels and naval craft which are being sent out to meet her as a precautionary measure.—Reuter.

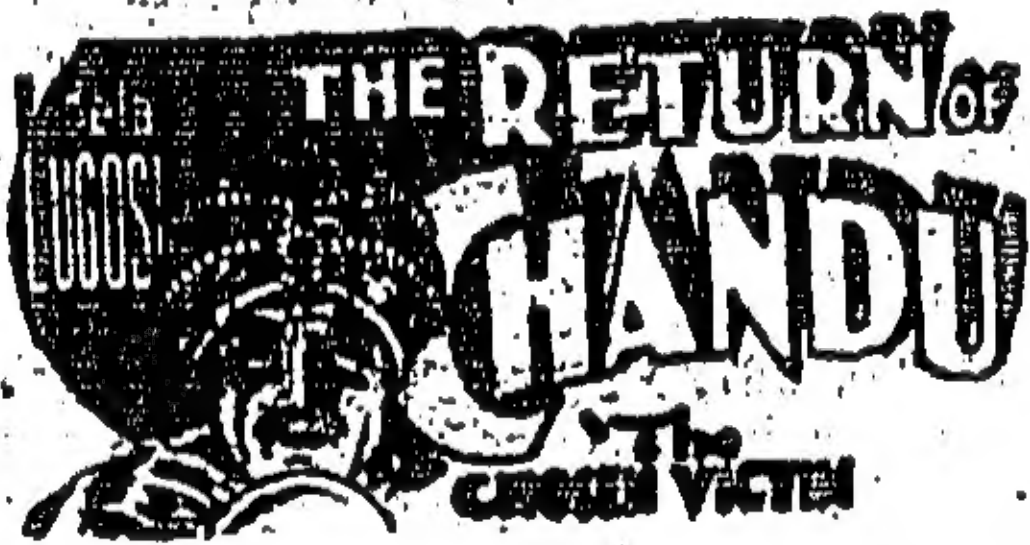
HELL-SHIP TO BE PONTOON

La Martiniere, 3,718-ton "hell-ship" that has carried thousands of Frenchmen across the Atlantic to life imprisonment on Devil's Island, in the Caribbean Sea, has made her last trip.

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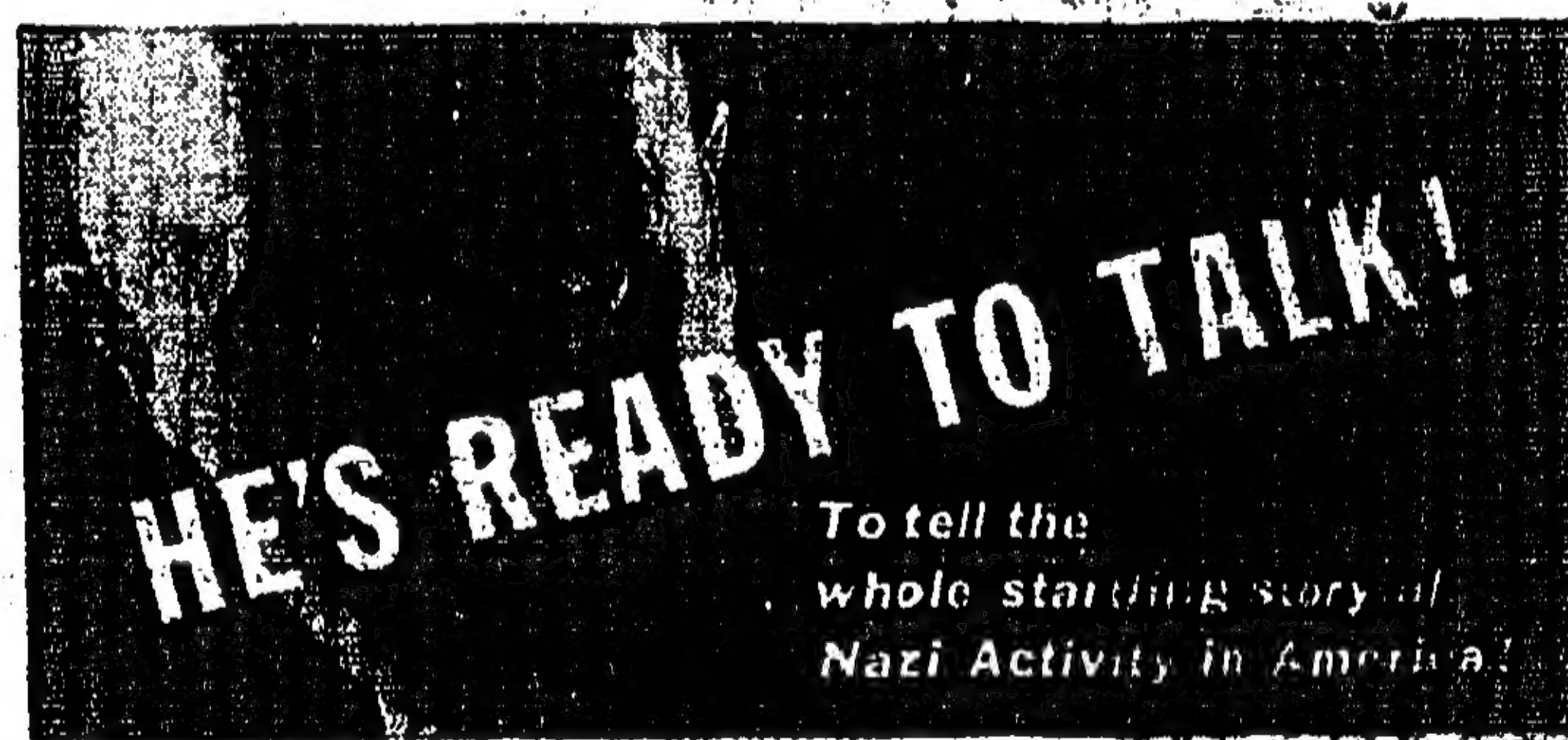
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GERMANY THREATENING BELGIAN NEUTRALITY? MENACING BERLIN REPORT

Brussels, To-day.
MUCH CONCERN has been caused in Belgium by a report from Berlin, circulated by the Belga news agency, that Germany would in certain circumstances consider withdrawing her pledge to respect Belgian neutrality. These circumstances, it is reported, include the inability of neutral nations to effectively prevent belligerent planes from flying over their territory.

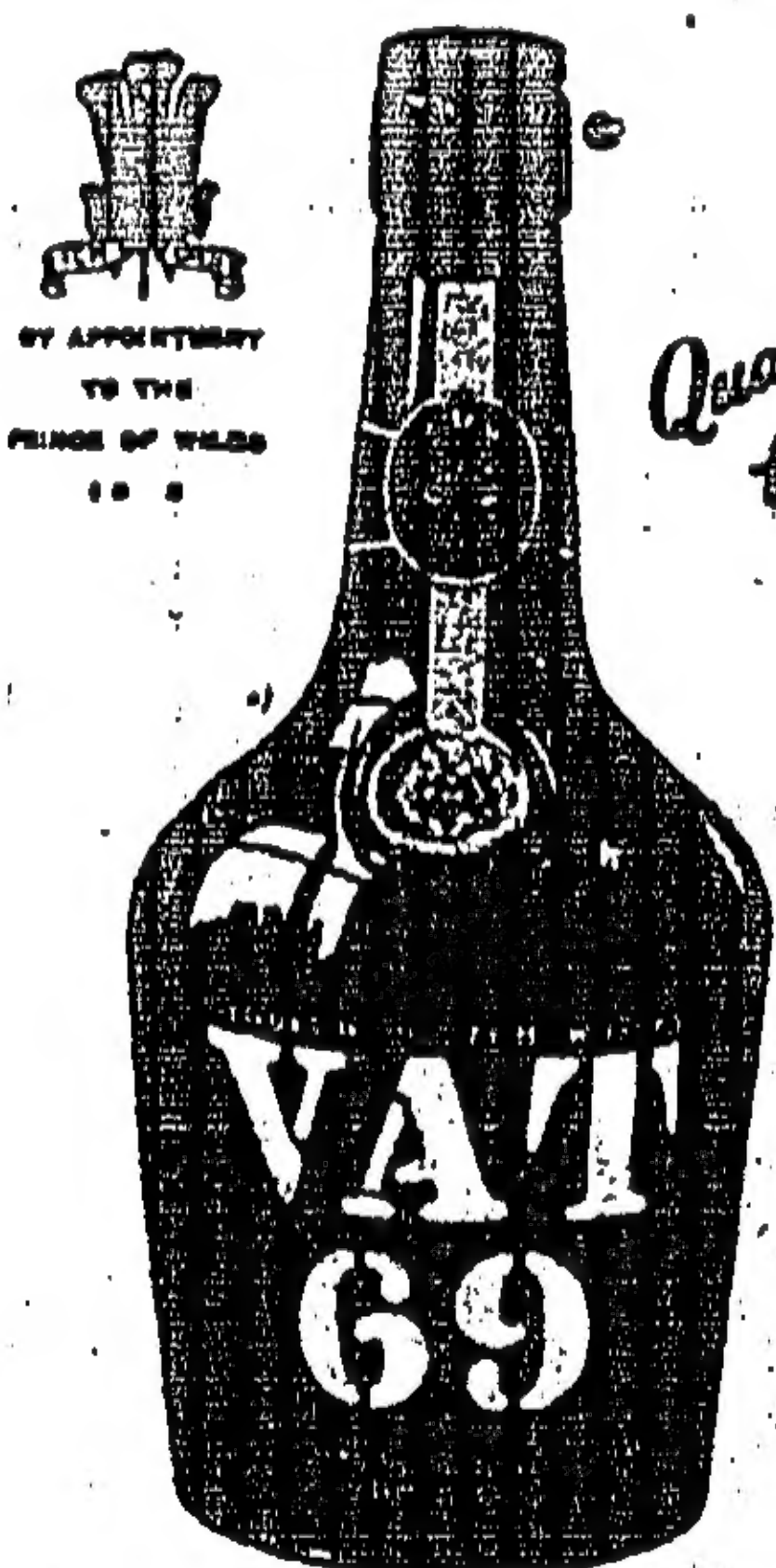
It is pointed out in Brussels that Belgium has already proved her ability and willingness to prevent belligerent aircraft flying over Belgian territory.

Several Brussels newspapers ask if Germany is trying to find a pretext for withdrawing her pledges to respect Dutch and Belgian neutrality. —Reuter.

SLOVAK LOSSES

London, To-day.
The official Slovakian casualty list, issued in Bratislava yesterday, gives a total of 105, including 35 dead. —Reuter.

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SOVIET DEMANDS OF LITHUANIA

London, To-day.
An unofficial but reliable report from Kaunas states that the Soviet military proposals to Lithuania include:
Conclusion of a pact of mutual assistance, and
The establishment of two bases for the Soviet air force in Lithuania. —Reuter.

R.A.F. COMPLETES EXPANSION SCHEMES

London, To-day.
The rapid expansion of the R.A.F. to full war strength and the maintenance of air power at a high level requires vast training schemes.

These schemes, worked out before the war, have been completed without a hitch.

Although the preparations made envisaged that the changeover would take place at a time when the country would be subjected to enemy air action, the complete absence of hostile aircraft has assisted the smooth working of the plans.

The complexity of modern aircraft makes the training-time much longer than in the last war and the object now is to train war airmen in complete crews rather than to turn out individual pilots or gunners.

It was stated yesterday that the standard of recruits was as high as it had ever been and "we are very satisfied with it." —British Wireless.

SHUMCHUN QUIET

Yungyun, To-day.
The Chinese troops which recently attacked Shumchun have withdrawn. A Japanese aircraft-carrier is anchored off Chekwan. Aircraft have been bombing the Po On district and the Waiyeung region. —Central News.

DANISH TRADE DELEGATION IN LONDON

London, To-day.
His Majesty's Government entertained at luncheon yesterday the Danish trade delegation. Mr. W. S. Morrison, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the Minister of Food, presided. —British Wireless.

NEUTRALITY REVISION OUTLOOK

Washington, To-day.
Signs of probable changes in the Senate voting on the Neutrality legislation are declared to be very satisfactory by Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's secretary.

Senator Walter George, Democrat member of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, has predicted considerable modifications in the shipping restrictions and 90-day credits proposals.

Senator Schwellenbach has described the Neutrality Bill as "a complete and orderly retreat from war." —Reuter.

JAPAN'S DISASTROUS FAILURE

Shanghai, To-day.
The Japanese unsuccessful drive to Changsha has cost them dearly, some 30,000 troops being reported to have been killed and wounded on the different fronts.

The Japanese are now slowly withdrawing with the Chinese in pursuit. —Our Own Correspondent.

Chungking, To-day.
General Japanese withdrawal north and north-east of Changsha, following the Chinese counter-offensive launched on Monday, is claimed in field dispatches. —Reuter.

NORWEGIAN BOY HURT

Suffering from scalds on the right leg, a 14-year-old Norwegian lad, Master Ignar Eriken, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday afternoon.

The lad was cycling outside his home at No. 287, Prince Edward Road when he accidentally collided with a Chinese who was carrying a bowl of hot soup.

SWEDISH INSURANCE

Stockholm, To-day.
The Swedish insurance committee is considering drastic measures, including the application of insurance only to Swedish ships travelling in Swedish waters.

It had previously been incorrectly reported that the measures had already been adopted. —Reuter.

DANISH TAX ON TOBACCO

Copenhagen, To-day.
At noon yesterday shops in Denmark selling cigars, cigarettes and tobacco reopened after three days. They had been closed while the Government assessed new taxes. —Reuter.

HUNAN BOMBINGS

Yunling, To-day.
A fleet of 24 Japanese planes raided a wide area in Hunan yesterday. Six of the machines bombed Shaoyang, 78 miles northwest of Hengyang, while 18 bombed Chihkiang. —Central News.

RUSSIAN TIMBER EXPORTS

Copenhagen, To-day.
The Soviet request of Denmark for ships to transport timber to Britain is believed to be due to Russian anxiety to ship supplies of timber which are lying on the quay at Murmansk before the winter sets in and the port becomes ice-bound.
The request is a normal one at this time of year. —Reuter.

Q-BOAT STORY UNTRUE

London, To-day.
The Admiralty states that a Nazi allegation that Britain is operating Q-boats is totally untrue.

It is also not true that British merchant ships have attacked German submarines.

Q-boats were introduced in the Great War. They were armed merchant-ships, whose guns were concealed and who pretended to abandon ship when attacked by an enemy submarine, after which the U-boat, coming closer to investigate, was usually an easy target. —Reuter.

CZECHS FIGHT ON

London, To-day.
The Czechs are still carrying on their opposition to the Nazi regime.

The latest incident in Czechoslovakia, which has just become known, was a subtle one on the part of the Czechs.

Last week, when it was learned that the Nazis intended to devote the takings of the Prague tramways on Saturday to the Winter Help Fund, Czechs boycotted the trams, which were almost empty.

The Nazi explanation was that the Czech boycott was a protest against the delay in enforcement of the ban on Jews using the trams. —Reuter.

SOVIET-TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS

Moscow, To-day.
The Turkish Foreign Minister was expected to resume his talks with Stalin and Molotov yesterday. The Turkish diplomat will remain in Moscow for some days yet. —Reuter.

SIND'S GESTURE TO EMPIRE

London, To-day.
Another offer of support from India has been received from the province of Sind, which has placed all its resources at the disposal of the British Government for the prosecution of the war. —Reuter.

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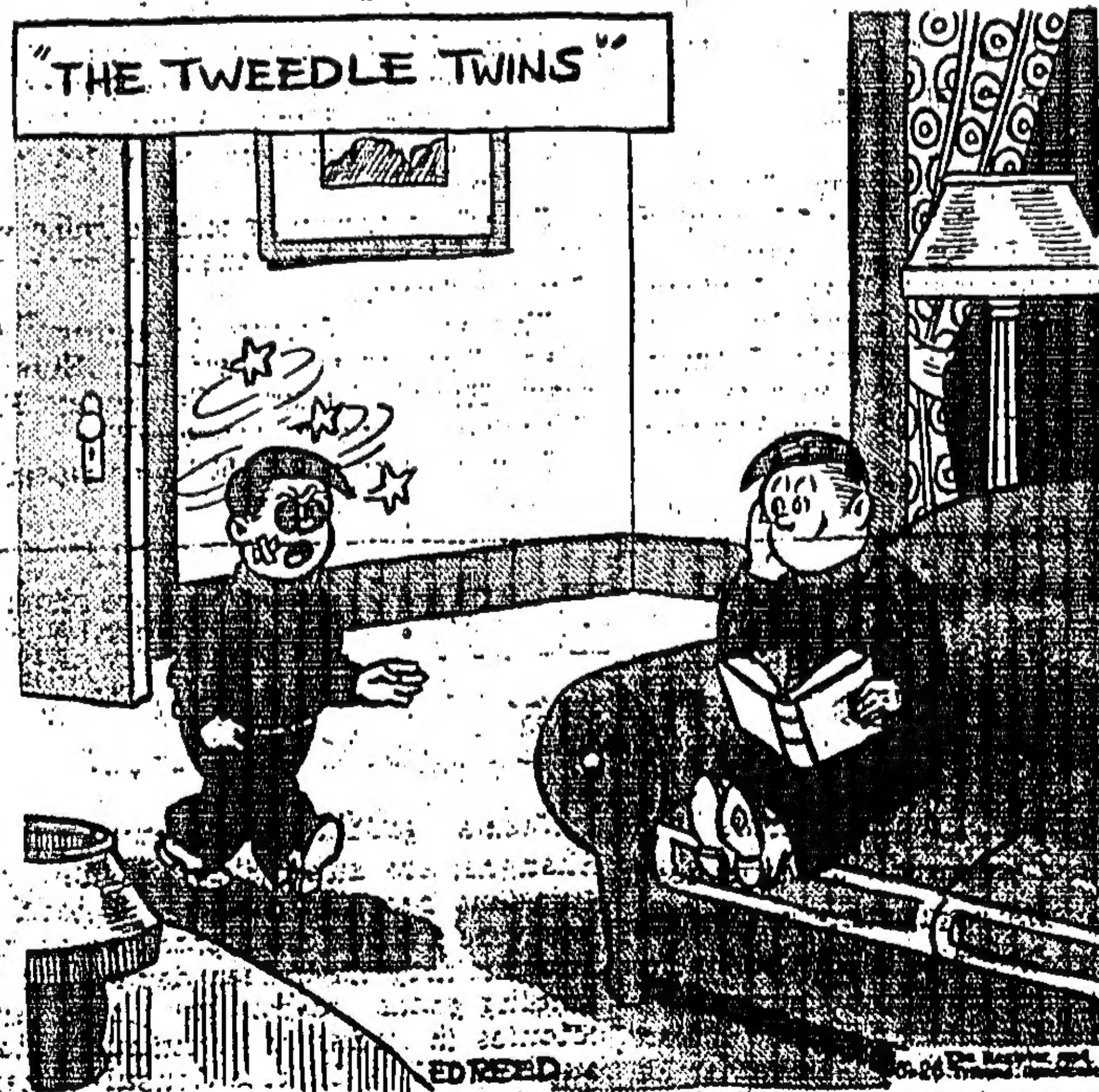
The Statue of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in the procession at the Rosary Church, Kowloon, last Sunday.



In the procession of the Holy Rosary held at Rosary Church, Kowloon, on Sunday. Picture shows members of the Confraternity of the Holy Angels, strewing flowers.

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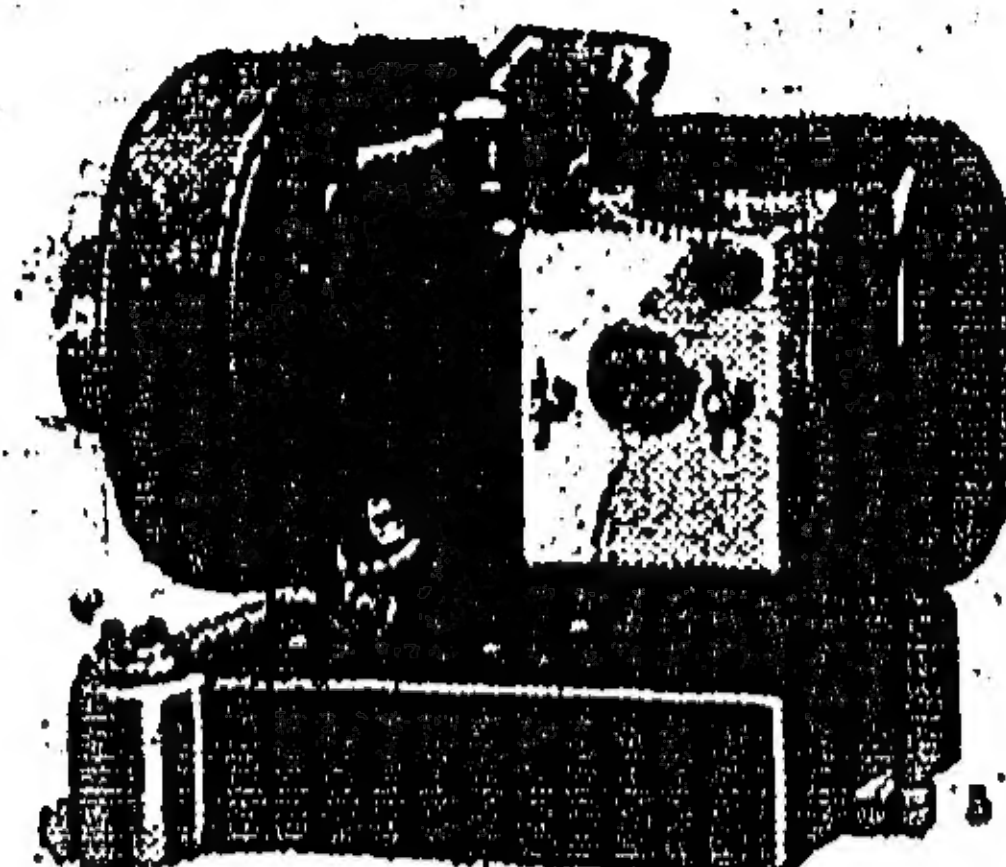


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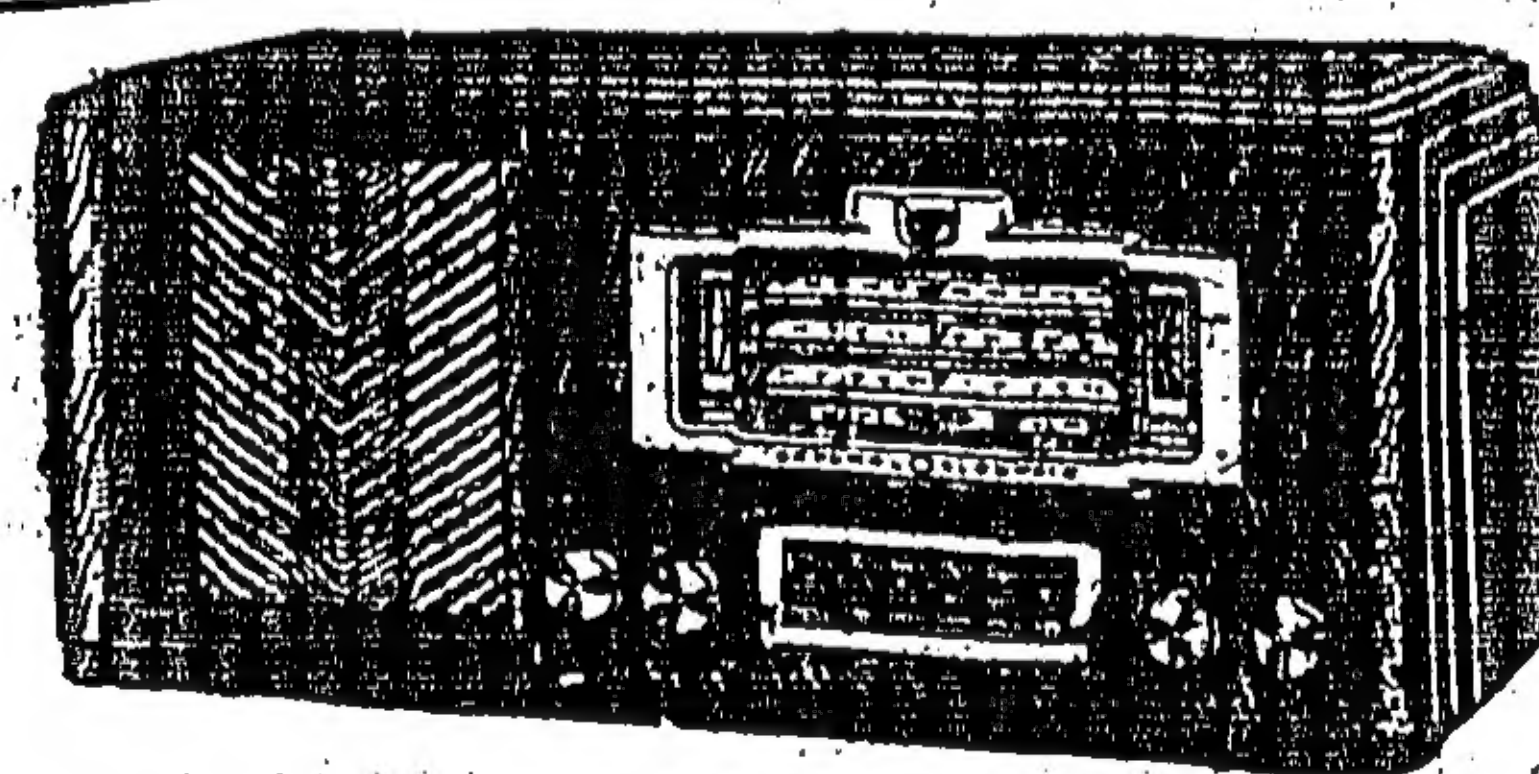
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RUSSIA AND THE BALKANS

London, To-day.

Official circles in Belgrade learn that Russia considers the preservation of the status quo of the Balkans an indispensable condition for the security of the Black Sea, according to the Yugo-Slav wireless. — Reuter.

FRENCH SURPRISE ATTACK CAPTURES BORG FOREST: OPENS UP NEW STRATEGY

Paris, To-day.

CENTRE OF INTEREST on the Western Front has shifted to the so-called Saar-Moselle corridor, immediately east of Luxembourg,

By a surprise attack near the Luxembourg frontier the French have succeeded in totally occupying the Borg Forest.

Shock troops consolidated the positions won in this area.

The Germans are making desperate efforts to prevent the French from making further progress on the western part of the corridor because in the first place the French advance would threaten any German plan to violate the neutrality of Luxembourg in order to give themselves more room to manoeuvre.

Moreover, if the French succeeded in reaching the outskirts of Beuren, six miles from the French frontier, the advanced works of the Siegfried Line further south would be threatened from the flank and might easily be taken by a bold stroke.

The whole corridor would then be endangered and the domination of the corridor, which some military observers believe to be in sight, would enable the French to wheel round to the east and concentrate on a vast new sector.

Such big operations would naturally require careful consideration and ample supplies.

Observers are beginning to wonder whether the German General Staff might prefer a great frontal attack against the Maginot Line to flank attacks through neutral countries.

Reason is that among the new model German tanks is a heavy type carrying six-inch guns, apparently intended for operations against massive fortifications. — Reuter.

SHARP CLASH OF TANKS

Paris, To-day.

Messages from Luxembourg report that after a short combat at close quarters between French and German tanks, the French captured the Borg Forest, near the Luxembourg frontier. — Reuter.

"CALM ON THE WHOLE"

Paris, To-day.

The latest communique states that the day was calm on the whole. Activity was shown by reconnaissance parties on both sides at different points of the front. — Reuter.

JAPANESE AIR LOSSES

Chungking, To-day.

A foreign report confirms that heavy losses were sustained by the Japanese in Hankow during the Chinese air attack on Tuesday.

It is stated that 24 of the Japanese planes grounded at the air-field were completely wrecked while more than 40 were damaged. Japanese airmen and ground staff killed and wounded totalled over 130.

An oil depot fire lasted three hours. — Central News.

EMPIRE PARLEYS

London, To-day.

The New Zealand representative to come to London for the Empire consultations announced by the Secretary for the Dominions in the House of Commons on Wednesday will be Mr. Peter Fraser, acting Prime Minister and Minister for Education. — British Wireless.

ORGANISED BICYCLE THEFTS

Described as members of an organisation engaged in stealing bicycles on the mainland, three Chinese were before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning.

Accused, Kong Kam, 26, was given three months' hard labour; Kong Suen, 26, four months; and Lau Cham, 28, one month.

Chief Detective Inspector A. E. Carey said that accused, believed to have been directed by others, were arrested on information.

HAWKERS RESENTFUL

How unlicensed fish hawkers at Hunghom Market engaged the Police in a fight yesterday was mentioned in the Kowloon Police Court this morning when four men were charged with hawking without licences.

A watchman, said the Sanitary Inspector, had his fingers almost chopped off by one of the hawkers who resented police interference.

Mr. E. Himsforth fined each defendant \$25, or five weeks' imprisonment.

WOMAN RUN DICE GAME

A police party headed by Sergeant Whitley last night raided a dice gambling den, run by women of the high-type, in a house in Matauwei Road.

The police arrested 25 women, who appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

First accused, Lau Sam, 29, charged with keeping a gaming house was fined \$50, or six weeks' hard labour, while the other 24 women were each fined \$1.

GERMAN TROOP MOVEMENTS

London, To-day.

German troops are passing through Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, presumably en route to Vienna. — Reuter.

JAPAN RUNS INTO SNAGS

Peiping, To-day.

There is little likelihood of the Japanese-occupied parts of China having a new "Central Government" by October 10 (the "Double Tenth"), the anniversary of the founding of the Chinese republic, according to well-informed Chinese political quarters here.

It is learned that Wang Ching-wei, the Provisional Government in North China, and the Reformed Government in Nanking are still far from agreement in regard to the composition and nature of the proposed administration. This lack of unity is stated to be causing the Japanese some anxiety.

A Japanese Army mouth-piece announced that the leaders of the Provisional and Reformed governments will see Wang again soon to discuss the establishment of the new regime.

It is understood that the Provisional Government, while willing to accept the authority of the government planned by Wang, insists on retaining its separate entity and authority north of the Yellow River. — Reuter.

ANTI-BRITISH CAMPAIGN

Peiping, To-day.

The anti-British movement in Peiping has led to the closing of two British mission schools.

A local Chinese newspaper says that the schools were forced to close because the agitation resulted in most students seeking entry in other schools.

The movement against British missions elsewhere in North China is believed to have caused the closing of nearly every mission station in the provinces of Hopei, Shansi and North Honan. — Reuter.

FLAG DAY ON TUESDAY

Some 20,000 paper replicas of the Chinese national flag were issued today by the Hong Kong Chinese Education Association to schools in the Colony.

The flags are to be sold to raise war refugee funds in connection with the Double Tenth.

The entire Colony, including the New Territories, Aberdeen, Shaikwan, Happy Valley, Causeway Bay, Wanchai, is being "covered".

Last year over \$13,500 was raised.

MEETING OF PRIVY COUNCIL

London, To-day.

The King held a Privy Council at Buckingham Palace, yesterday.

Those present were Lord Stanhope (the Lord President), Lord Snell (the Labour Peer), Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith (Minister of Agriculture) and Sir Hugh O'Neill (Under-Secretary for India). — Reuter.

SINGAPORE BAN CAUSES CONCERN IN SHANGHAI

Native goods manufacturers in Shanghai are reported to have been hard hit by the regulations newly enforced by authorities in Singapore for the purpose of limiting importation of goods made in countries not linked with the sterling bloc. Altogether 34 kinds of goods have been forbidden by the Singapore government to be imported to that port.

One of the new regulations is said to provide that overseas Chinese living in Singapore cannot remit more than \$500 each to their mother country. This restriction is stated to be causing many inconveniences to relatives of the overseas Chinese there who live in China and who receive money from time to time from their relatives trading in the British port.

Native goods manufacturers in Shanghai are affected by the new regulations because, finding it hard to push the sale of their products in the interior, they have been dependent on sending goods to foreign ports and colonies in order to continue their business. The Chinese Consul-General in Singapore is stated to be negotiating with the authorities there for modifying the regulations so that Chinese goods may be imported more freely.

Among the banned goods are said to be cotton, liquors, tobacco, glass, cement, articles made of materials other than iron, electric articles, cotton threads and other cotton goods, silk, wool, imitation pearls, curios, cosmetic articles, lamps, musical instruments, medicines, etc.

HITLER POWER GONE

General Tenor Of Speech Predicted In Advance

MIXTURE OF BLUSTER AND CAJOLING

London, To-day.

HITLER'S REICHSTAG speech is awaited in Britain with less than the customary eagerness for this time it is felt that nothing he can say will have any real influence on the situation, unless contrary to all expectations he offers to resign. Most people in Britain believe that the speech will follow the usual formula so closely that they feel they know already what Hitler will say. No doubt he will offer peace in the West for years, offer a restored but mutilated Poland and claim a virtuous restraint against the French push on the Saar Front.

Hitler will certainly make much play of his new claim that he has no quarrel with France but only with Britain, an attitude which reverses the principles of "Mein Kampf" almost as spectacularly as the German-Soviet Pact in view of his clear statement on page 699 of that book, that the "irreconcilable and deadly enemy of Germany is and remains France."

BLUSTER BOASTING AND THREATS

Finally everyone expects that Hitler's peace proposals will be preceded by the customary interlude of bluster, boasting and threats of ruthlessness against those who do not yield.

This firework display has, however, been too often watched already in Britain to impress, alarm or even unduly interest the British public.

ALLIED SOLIDARITY

Widespread British opinion indeed is well expressed by a French writer in last night's Paris Intransigeant.

"Britain and France, although two distinct nations, are in time of war, but one."

"Together they are carrying on that which has been imposed upon them and which they will pursue until, through victory, a regime of peace and order may at last be set up in Europe.—Reuter.

ROME PREDICTION

London, To-day.

According to Rome Wireless it is expected that "Hitler will make a peace offer to-day in general terms and then wait repercussions before going into details."

The announcer added that the Italian press anticipates that Hitler will dwell on the military operations in the east and make an allusion to the possibilities of peace, declaring that he will be content with what has been obtained in the east and has no requirements in the west.—Reuter.

ALL STATIONS IN GERMANY TO BROADCAST SPEECH

Berlin, To-day.

All German radio stations will broadcast Hitler's speech to the Reichstag to-day.—Reuter.

HITLER TO FLY BACK TO BERLIN

London, To-day.

Hitler, after flying from Berlin, reviewed his troops in devastated Warsaw yesterday.

He was expected to fly back to the Nazi capital last night.—Reuter.

The following telegram was sent by the Governor, Hong Kong, to the Governor, Macao, yesterday:—On the occasion of the anniversary of the proclamation of the Portuguese Republic I have much pleasure in conveying to Your Excellency and the Colony of Macao the congratulations and sincere good wishes of myself and the Colony of Hong Kong.

FLYING IN FALSE COLOURS

London, To-day.

An attempt has been made in a German broadcast to represent as an abuse of a neutral flag, the reported flying of the United States flag on the new Mauretania.

It is a well accepted principle that a ship is justified in flying false colours to deceive the enemy.

This is a feature of the naval instructions of all countries, and is supported by leading authorities on international law.

The only limitation to this practice is that a ship must hoist her proper flag before committing an act of hostility.—British Wireless.

INTENDED TO REPLACE

Chan Woon, 26, was before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, charged with stealing \$28 from the Prison Officers' Quarters, Stanley.

It was said that Mr. T. Gooding reported the loss, and that when enquiries were made, defendant admitted that he gave the money to his sweetheart, who had gone to Macao. Defendant intended to borrow from an amah, and replace the money but unfortunately the amah had not got so much.

Defendant asked to be allowed to work for Mr. Gooding without pay for a month, but this was refused.

Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed.

CALLING UP YOUTHS OF 22

London, To-day.

Mr. Ernest Brown, the Minister of Labour, announced in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon that men in the 21 to 22 age group, who have already been called up for military service, will be required to register on Saturday, October 21.—Reuter.

Three Chinese were sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, for being in possession of 10 green pine trees at a Government plantation in Stanley.

HITLER'S ORDER OF THE DAY

Berlin, To-day.

"In unshakeable confidence, the nation again looks to its armed forces and its Leader," declares Hitler in an Order of the Day thanking the forces participating in the Polish campaign for "protecting the Reich against the Polish attack."

"In keeping with the best traditions of German soldiery," he adds, "under banners fluttering in proud joy everywhere in Germany, we stand together more closely than ever and are tightening our helmet bands."

He said that he knew they were ready to give everything for their faith in Germany.—Reuter.

ATHENIA: THE LATEST NAZI TALE: "DOCUMENTARY PROOF THAT MR. CHURCHILL SANK IT"

London, September 21.

DURING THE DAYS preceding the outbreak of war liner sailings were generally liable to alteration following intimation from the Admiralty to the shipping companies that certain ships might be required for Government service.

Shipping companies accordingly notified passengers intending to travel by these ships that sailings were uncertain, and recommended transfer to other ships which were not "standing by" for the Government.

One of these routine communications has fallen into German hands, and on the strength of it to-day's "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" is satisfied (according to Reuter) that there is now "documentary proof" that Mr. Churchill sank the Athenia.

"NEW LUSITANIA CASE"

The German newspaper is very hit-up about the matter.

"The British lie minister," it writes, "must bear full responsibility for the sinking of this passenger ship the day after war was declared."

"He wanted a new Lusitania case to influence American public opinion and we have a document that proves it."

The "document" is a circular purporting to emanate from the "White Star Shipping Company" asking "that no further passenger bookings be taken for the ships Athenia, Aurania, Andania and Ascania and requesting suggestions for the transfer of passengers in view of possible alterations in sailing times."

SO SINISTER!

"The transfer of passengers," the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" adds with vivid imagination, "was to make sure that no German witnesses were on board and as many Americans as possible."

"But the Athenia actually sailed according to schedule."

"And that," adds the newspaper with indignation, "is final and incontrovertible proof that this innocent-looking circular is but another typical example of the sinister machinations of Mr. Churchill."

Thus do the Germans hoodwink themselves.

The Athenia was owned by the Donaldson Atlantic Line for which the Cunard White Star act as agents at certain ports.

HITLER REVIEWS TROOPS IN WARSAW

London, To-day.

Herr Hitler has arrived at Warsaw and he reviewed the troops who participated in the conquest of the city, according to the official German wireless.

Hitler was attended by an imposing retinue.

In addition to his personal and military aides-de-camp he was accompanied by General Keitel, Chief of the General Staff, Herr Himmler, the Gestapo chief, Herr Dietrich, Chief of the Press Bureau at the Foreign Office, and Herr Lammers.

On his arrival at the airport he was greeted by General Brauchitsch and five other generals.—Reuter.

CRUSHED BY A LORRY

A 39-year-old lorry driver, Tong Lai, was charged before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, with driving without due care and caution.

Traffic Inspector F. J. Clarke said the case was a sequel to a fatal accident. Defendant was driving up a steep approach road, leading to a house under construction. A private watchman stood with his back against the wall to allow defendant's lorry to pass, but the lorry crushed the man and killed him.

Defendant was remanded for 24 hours, to enable him to raise compensation to the deceased's family.

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TWO BREEDS OF BOLSHEVISM

By the Rt. Hon. Alfred Duff Cooper

IT would be folly for one who consistently advocated an agreement with Russia to pretend that the new relationship between the Soviet and the German Governments is not unpleasant. But in war, even more than in peace, there is no time to cry over split milk.

When the position for which both sides were contending is irretrievably lost, the wise commander of the less fortunate faction centres his attention on the disadvantages rather than the advantages which his adversary has acquired and reconnoitres the vulnerability of the new position. The fox showed himself a good leader when he informed his followers—if he had any—that the inaccessible grapes were sour.

Certain it is that Germany has forfeited as much on the moral as she has gained on the material side by the latest development of her foreign policy. There have long existed people in Great Britain, and elsewhere, who have attempted to defend the abominations of the Nazi regime by maintaining that it was better than Bolshevism; and when Hitler first obtained power, by fraud and cunning, some of his admirers explained that he had delivered Europe from the red menace.

There were many even a year ago who still believed that Hitler was a man of principles and that however ignorant his theory of race might be, however ugly his anti-semitism, however crude his political theories, he nevertheless sincerely held the opinions which he so frequently expressed.

When therefore he gave his solemn assurance that he not only had no wish to include Czechs within the Reich but added that he would not take them as a gift, there were many who thought that for once he was speaking the truth and that for once his word could be relied on. The events of March 15th struck blinkers from the eyes of millions, for not only did Hitler break his word, which he had often done before, but he proved that one at least of his oft-repeated principles was arrant humbug.

Even then there were some who persisted in retaining their admiration. It is indeed surprising how many admirers Hitler had in England. I know, because they frequently honoured him with abusive letters. And the faith of these admirers was founded on their hatred of Communists and Jews, a hatred which they believed was sincerely shared by their Fuehrer.

Now they behold this same Fuehrer forming a close and intimate alliance with the one communist state in Europe and protesting his affection for Joseph Stalin, who in association with numerous Jewish colleagues, has helped to create that Comintern which was supposed to be the object of Hitler's most violent animosity.

While Hitler's conversion continues an eternal surprise to his admirers, those who never shared their admiration have equally little share in the surprise. I more than once referred to the possibility of an alliance; and is indeed the most natural thing in the world because there is no fundamental difference between the creeds of Moscow and Berlin.

These two breeds of Bolshevism are fundamentally akin. Both are historically revolutionary, both are admittedly socialistic, both seek to break away from all ties with the past, to abolish all class distinction, to destroy all old traditions and both are bitterly anti-Christian.

Where they differ the Russian brand is the less ignoble of the two; the German is the more efficient. The Communism of Karl Marx does in theory, if not in practice, aim at international peace and good will. It envisages a world in which all men

shall be equal both in status and in wealth and in which all nations shall be friends. No such dreams haunt the baser imagination of the Nazi. He, while rejecting Christianity, has returned to the primitive tribal paganism of his barbarous ancestors. He has no faith in humanity but only in a particular branch of it out of which he has created an idol, unknown to ethnical science, whom he calls the Nordic man and whom he worships. This god, whom the Nazi has created in his own image, is a brutal god. Mercy, humility and loving kindness he despises and denounces as evil forms of weakness imported into European from Palestine, the breeding ground of everything he hates.

The higher ideals of communism won't work and the Bolsheviks of Moscow have long abandoned them. It is not easy to make men work for the love of working without hope of gain, and the Russians were never experts in organisation. The lower ideals of Nazism work admirably, because it is not difficult to persuade a man he belongs to a superior race and that therefore he is justified in persecuting and robbing a powerless minority—and the Germans have always shown themselves efficient in the minor arts of administration. In small matters they are invariably first rate. It is only their blunders that are colossal.

The two revolutions have followed similar paths. Both have indulged in a blood bath at the expense of the original leaders. Trotsky, the right man of Lenin, got away—Roehm, the right man of Hitler, was murdered—almost before the eyes of his master. Stalin still seeks to pretend that he is the authentic heir of Lenin, who earlier fell a victim to disease, and Hitler, whose hands are deeply dyed not only with the blood of the innocent but also with that of his own intimate and vile associates, is still regarded by the submissive multitudes of enslaved Germans as the true prophet of the new religion.

The Russians have hitherto been the more ruthless. They have, in theory, abolished all private property and openly attacked religion. They have massacred, on a large scale and put to death, the creators of their existing naval and military forces. The Germans proved timid imitators of their great Russian exemplar. They stole all the private property of the Jews and are gradually acquiring that of others as they need it. They made a concord at with the Pope, every clause of which they broke. They imprisoned the noblest of their Protestant clergymen, but they founded a new sect of "German Christians", which is pastored by time-serving, lick spittle sycophants and which is loathed and despised by Catholic and Protestant alike. They dismissed their most distinguished Generals but (except possibly von Fritsch) have not killed them, and they preferred the slow torture of the concentration camp to the mass massacre method of their Russian allies.

In the last war the support of Russia was of great material assistance to the Allies; but Russia was always a moral liability. At a time when we were anxious to persuade the world that Great Britain and France stood for the principles of democracy in opposition to German militarism, the presence of what was then the most tyrannical Government in Europe in our ranks was a source of considerable embarrassment. Neutrals asked themselves whether the friends of the Czar could also be the sincere supporters of democracy. For this reason it was easier for the United States to come into the picture after Imperial Russia had gone out of the picture.

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SOVIET AIMS IN WEST SUMMED UP IN LONDON: ARMED NEUTRALITY WHILE CURBING REICH

London, Sept. 28.

CONTINUED ARMED NEUTRALITY in Western Europe and hegemony in the Balkan and Baltic States were the two guiding lights of Soviet Russia's foreign policy, a consensus of opinion in political quarters showed to-day.

Moscow, observers contacted by Havas stated, intended to maintain a strong neutral policy in the West and, at the same time, launch intensive diplomatic action to establish hegemony in the Balkans, the region of the Black Sea, and the northern European States.

Should diplomatic action prove insufficient to extend Soviet influence in the desired directions, the political quarters continued, Russia might "resort to stronger methods."

In attaining her aims, Russia would seek to brush aside not only Anglo-French influence, but also German influence. She wished to compel Germany to centre all efforts in the West, away from the regions bordering on the U.S.S.R.

Turkey Must Also Give Way

Soviet diplomacy, the observers said, aimed to have Turkey limit her influence in the Balkans, maintain neutrality there, protect the Black Sea to Moscow's benefit and take no action against Germany which would imperil the Balkan balance of power.

Turkey, outside the Balkans, however, would be allowed to respect all her treaty obligations to France and Great Britain. Thus she would be left free to take any desired action in the Mediterranean, where the U.S.S.R. has no interest. The Dardanelles, passage to the strategic Black Sea, would nevertheless have to be closed to all war operations.

As regards Rumania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, these political quarters added, Soviet Russia wished them to form a neutral Balkan bloc under Soviet-Turkish influence.

In pursuance of this aim, Rumania might have to cede Dobruja to Bulgaria while the problem of sovereignty over Bessarabia would be postponed a while if Rumania agreed to heed advice from Moscow.

Concessions to Reich

Germany, Havas learned, would be considered by Moscow to be entitled to economic concessions in the Balkans—but only on condition that such concessions did not amount to an economic monopoly in Germany's favour, which might imperil Soviet hegemony.

A Polish buffer State might be created between the Reich and the U.S.S.R., but Russia would not further such a scheme unless she no longer wanted to exert pressure on Adolf Hitler, these observers declared. Russia would extend her influence over Estonia and perhaps Latvia, but would leave Lithuania an open field for German cultivation.

From the same sources, Havas understood that M. Josef Stalin intended to carry through his plans in peace, unless he met with stiff opposition, in which case he would adopt a stronger course of action.

No such opposition was expected by Soviet quarters from Germany, at any rate, for they appeared confident that Berlin would have to placate the U.S.S.R. even though its own field of expansion in the east was being cut down. Germany, it was said here, had to have her hands free in the West whatever the cost in the Balkans.

If M. Stalin achieved all his plans, political circles summed up, he would have compelled Adolf Hitler to abandon the very objectives in the Balkans for which he launched the European War. M. Stalin also would have restricted Turkish action and nullify Turkish influence in the Balkans.

Italy's Reaction Interesting

Italy's reaction to the Soviet's advance was uncertain, the political quarters added, and it was held possible that Signor Benito Mussolini would not watch M. Stalin's rise to greater power without taking a hand in the game.

Some quarters also declared that it was difficult to believe Herr Hitler would docilely swallow the bitter pill that his partner, M. Stalin, has in store for him. German economic influence in Eastern Europe was indispensable to German war aims.

German peace proposals would be immediately turned down by France and Great Britain, it was stated, but observers wondered whether, as German reports hinted, M. Stalin would support the Reich beyond mere presentation of the peace terms.

Soviet Russia's attitude toward the Allies remained strictly neutral, observers summed up, unless the Allies attempted to exert pressure in the Black Sea region. M. Ivan Maisky, Soviet Ambassador to Britain, was understood to have spoken somewhat along these lines to Lord Halifax, British Foreign Secretary, when they met yesterday.—Havas.

TRICK THEY HAVE AT THE MARKET

A trick of poultry dealers revealed the forcing of food down the throats of chickens to make them weigh heavier was at Kowloon this morning before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen when Lai Leung, 33, and Chu Mui-chun, 37, poultry dealer, were charged with cruelty. They were each fined \$7, or seven days.

It was stated that first accused was paid to force rice mixed with sand, down chickens' throats.

They were caught yesterday in a Waterloo Road stall.

N.Z. BANS STRIKES

Wellington (N.Z.), To-day.

The New Zealand Government has declared illegal strikes and lock-outs, and new machinery is being set up to settle labour disputes.

The Labour Minister, Mr. P. C. Webb, stated yesterday that nothing would be allowed to restrict the fullest production of goods in the present emergency.—Reuter.

SOVIET SIGNS PACT WITH LATVIA

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet-Latvian Pact of mutual assistance has been signed.—Reuter.

LITHUANIA AND SOVIET

Riga, To-day.

The Lithuanian Government is reported to be resolved in principle to accept the Soviet proposal for considerably increased trade, transit on the Romny-Vilna-Libau Railway and the return of the ethnographically Lithuanian part of the Vilna district.—Reuter.

TWO AIR BASES

Kaunas, To-day.

According to reliable unofficial information, the Soviet military proposals made to M. Urbys by Moscow, include a mutual assistance pact and two bases for the Soviet air force in Lithuania.—Reuter.

REPLY EXPECTED SOON

Moscow, To-day.

The Lithuanian Foreign Minister, who returned home on Wednesday, is expected to return to Moscow very soon with his Government's reply to the Soviet military proposals.—Reuter.

TOTALISATOR BETTING BANNED

London, To-day.

The Racecourse Betting Control Board have decided not to allow totalisator betting in Scotland this year.—Reuter.

SERVICE MINISTERS TO MAKE STATEMENTS

London, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons that Sir Kingsley Wood, the Secretary of State for Air, will make a statement on the war in the air on Tuesday and the Secretary of State for War, Mr. Hore-Bellish, on Thursday.

Mr. Chamberlain's customary weekly review will be made on Wednesday.—Reuter.

SINGAPORE QUOTAS

Singapore, To-day.

The domestic tin quota for the last quarter of this year, which was fixed at 43 per cent on Sept. 26, has been raised to 60 per cent, the same figure as the international quota.

The domestic rubber quota has been raised to 72½ per cent.

It is learned that neither Britain nor the Netherlands East Indies intends to terminate the tin quota agreement.—Reuter.

CZECH ARMY IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

The Czech army in France is to be reconstituted under an agreement signed by the French Premier, M. Daladier, and the Foreign Minister in the Provisional Czech Government, M. Osuky.—Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

U.S. IN THE PACIFIC

While the Neutrality Bill constitutes the major legislative problem in the United States at the present time, and the isolationist bloc is doing its utmost to defeat President Roosevelt's intention, an event of extreme importance is taking place related to American defence plans. That is the transference of the bulk of the American fleet to Hawaii on a series of manoeuvres shrouded in secrecy. It has long been contended that the American naval defence line lay somewhere in the Pacific, and, although, after the September crisis of 1938 when Europe was on the brink of war and a special Atlantic fleet comprised mainly of new cruisers was created for the Atlantic after the transference of the American fleet through the Panama Canal, there has been no deviation from the cardinal principles of this policy. It is now stated that as long as the British fleet comprises no menace to the safety of the United States—and naturally could not be considering that its major purposes are now directed against Germany in the North Sea and the Atlantic—the Pacific problem on which American naval experts have been labouring so long does not diminish in importance but increases in view of the uncertain and bewildering changes in strategical plans, especially affecting Soviet Russia, which now emerges as a naval power although not on the same scale as Japan. Little information has been published regarding the purport of the American naval manoeuvres and the exercises to be held off Hawaii. Formerly, American naval movements have been a common topic of newspaper information and comment, but the latest arrangements reveal nothing beyond the concentration of a large number of warships in the Pacific at a time when the naval activities of other powers are centred elsewhere. It seems a foregone conclusion that in the event of the excision of the arms embargo clause from the Neutrality Act, which will prevent American vessels carrying munitions to belligerent powers, there will be a wholesale transference of American merchant ships to the Pacific Ocean. This, in itself, will provide an impetus to American mercantile marine development as other mercantile powers will be preoccupied using their vessels for national services. Therefore, to the United States, politically, strategically and economically, the Pacific Ocean assumes preponderating importance of which these latest developments are a sign.

Once more Belgium finds the guns barking ominously near her borders and bombers roaring overhead with the danger of another invasion. Young King Leopold III, who was only 13 years of age when the last World War broke out, is now a man of mature judgment. Since his succession in 1934 to the Throne of the Belgians he has spared no effort to secure his country's neutrality should the demons of war once more stalk in all their naked horror over Europe. With a standing army of about 80,000 men, considerable well-trained reserves, an air force of more than 300 modern planes and a "Maginot line" of her own, Belgium would make an invader pay dearly for the privilege of crossing her territory.

Apart from her strategically dangerous position on the military chess-

board of Europe her trade is bound to suffer extensively and to present another thorny problem in connection with her neutrality, especially since her most important trade partners are her four neighbours, France, the United Kingdom, Holland and Germany which account for 45 per cent. of the imports and 55 per cent. of the exports.

AUSTRALIA'S PLEDGE

"If Britain's great efforts fail, we will stand with her. It would be a cardinal error for any other country to assume that there is any disunity among the British peoples in these matters. Australia stands where it stood 25 years ago." These words of the Prime Minister of Australia convey no more than the simple truth of the sentiments of the entire Commonwealth, despite Mr. Curtin's ungenerous demand for their elaboration. They have been received in Britain with additional gratitude because of their promptness; they brought the first assurance from the Dominions of recognition of a common cause, and of unreserved support for it. It does not detract from the value of this pledge that in this great emergency Australia could take up no other stand; and it should serve to reinforce in Berlin—though, no doubt, the Nazi propagandist machine will see that it is not disseminated in Germany—the British Prime Minister's own solemn warnings that the British peoples are resolute and unanimous in the present crisis. No greater mistake was made by the Germans in 1914 than their underestimation of the moral force of the British Empire, which, as gradually it became translated into practical purpose, produced by 1918 the mightiest war machine of that age.—"Sydney Morning Herald."

LIGHTS

"Lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lighted again in our time." With strangely compelling wistfulness these words have returned and returned again throughout the last quarter of a century. When, looking out of a window on the gray half-light over London.

CARRY ON

One of the great dangers of today is the temptation to suspend normal activity. Certainly it is not easy to behave as though we were living in settled times; there is everywhere, naturally enough a sense of strain; but it is precisely the tendency to wait for more settled days before undertaking any enterprise, or before making any important purchases that helps to create the abnormal conditions.—Sleazy Huddleston.

Britain's Foreign Secretary in 1914 spoke them, they were figurative. They meant that all that was best and brightest in human achievement was going into an eclipse from which "in our time" it would never wholly emerge.

Once again lights have been going out over Europe. But this time the statement is literal. And one may

note with more than ordinary interest that they have not yet begun to go out all over Europe. In London and Paris, yes; but not in Berlin. That city, as described just after Sir Neville Henderson presented Britain's reply to Reichsfuhrer Hitler, was bright.

In London, newspaper offices hid their windows under heavy curtains. In Paris the boulevardiers sat in the sidewalk cafes, their faces blue and blotchy in the eerie rays of lighting that is not to be seen from the sky. Berlin, like London and Paris, was prepared against air raids. But evidently Berlin did not feel it necessary to anticipate a sudden, unannounced attack. It is clear that German officialdom if not the German people, know with whom the initiative for mass slaughter must lie; and this rests with Germany.—"Christian Science Monitor."

BRITAIN'S NEW EXCESS PROFITS TAX PROPOSALS

London, To-day.

SPEAKING ON THE NEW Excess Profits Duty in the Commons, the Chancellor of the Exchequer said: "We have taken the general decision passed in the spring of the year to secure a contribution from the excess profits made by armament firms, and applied that scheme to the whole field of trade and industry.

In this case, as before, the Duty is to be payable as from April 1 last. It is to be paid on an excess of current profits over a certain definite pre-war standard.

One result is that the present Finance Bill repeals the Armaments Profits Duty because the greater includes the less, but armaments firms remain none the less under the burden of the old legislation in effect.

They are dealt with, under this general provision, as they were dealt with specifically before."

He claimed that the Excess Profits Duty in the present Bill was a great improvement on the McKenna Duties at the end of 1915. That tax was based on what was called a capital standard, whereas the present tax was based on a profits standard.

FOR THE DURATION

In practice, the basis of the capital standard had produced the most frightful complications.

As to the duration of the new tax he could only say he expected it would be for the duration of the war.—British Wireless.

MAORI BATTALION AUTHORISED

London, To-day.

The announcement that the New Zealand Government has authorised the formation of a Maori battalion for home or overseas service, will recall to many the fine record of this remarkable race in the last war.

A battalion of Maoris, under their own officers, fought with the New Zealanders at Gallipoli and many of them gained distinction.

They also suffered many casualties, because of their extreme daring.

Afterwards, in France, their numerical strength was more than doubled by regular reinforcements, and they were formed into pioneer battalions with the New Zealand Division.

In this capacity, they gave equally fine service. The Maori race has been gradually increasing in numbers and to-day there are over 85,000 in New Zealand.—British Wireless.

ANZACS TO BE TRAINED

London, To-day.

Some 250 New Zealanders in Britain of military age who have offered their services in war are to be formed into a unit and undergo training in England before attached to the New Zealand Division when it is sent overseas.—British Wireless.

SIR HOWARD KENNARD AT PALACE

London, To-day.

Sir Howard Kennard, the British Ambassador to Poland, was received in audience by the King yesterday morning. Sir Howard arrived back in London on Monday.—British Wireless.

AUSTRALIA BANS EXPORT OF CAPITAL

Canberra, To-day.

The export of capital from Australia is now forbidden under new regulations similar to those already in force in Britain and Canada.

Foreign securities cannot be sold without Treasury permission, and the transfer of Dominion or foreign securities is also forbidden.

Stocks, shares, bonds and gold are included in the measures.

All securities in the Empire, except Canada and Hong Kong, are exempt.—Reuter.

N.Z. TAKES SIMILAR ACTION

Wellington, To-day.

A Government bill introduced to the House of Representatives is to take complete control of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand empowering the Finance Minister to vary or suspend the minimum reserve of 25 per cent. and revalue gold coin and bullion held by the bank on the basis of market value of fine gold, and transfer to a special reserve account any profit obtained thereby.

Questioned by the leader of the Opposition, the Finance Minister said that it would be wrong to say that the Governor of the Bank had acquiesced in the bill.—Reuter.

SINKIANG REPORT DISCOUNTED

Chungking, To-day.

Reports that large Soviet forces have been infiltrating into Sinkiang are denied by official Chinese sources who suggest that the reports have been circulated by the Japanese "in the hope that the suggestion of a Soviet threat to Afghanistan and India might result in a change of Britain's policy towards Japan."—Reuter.

GENERAL ORBAY ENTERTAINED

London, To-day.

His Majesty's Government entertained at luncheon yesterday, General Orbay and the members of the Turkish Military Mission. Lord Chatfield, Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, presided.—British Wireless.

POLAND BOUNDARY COMMISSION

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet-German commission which will mark the new boundary in conquered Poland will start work on Monday.—Reuter.



WHO WOULDN'T WANT A SHAVE.—IN HAIRDRESSING ESTABLISHMENTS IN ENGLAND, LADY ATTENDANTS ARE NOW TAKING THE PLACE OF MEN CALLED AWAY ON NATIONAL SERVICE. EARLY TREPIDATION DISAPPEARS AFTER A WHILE.

BERGDOLL SENTENCED

New York, To-day.

Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the American of German descent who evaded military service in the Great War and escaped to Germany, has been found guilty by a Court Martial of desertion and escape from military custody.

He was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

Bergdoll was arrested when he returned openly to America five months ago in the German liner Bremen.—Reuter.

FOREIGNERS ROBBED

Captain Houghton, residing at No. 124, Waterloo Road, Kowloon, has reported that a silver cigarette case and a metal ash-tray were stolen from his residence between 9 p.m. on Sunday and 9 a.m. yesterday.

Mrs. H. Caines, of No. 3, Stafford Road, Kowloon Tong, has reported the theft from her residence yesterday afternoon of a silver clock, valued at \$45.

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THREE-HUNDRED MILE ZONE ROUND UNITED STATES RAISING COMPLICATIONS

London, To-day.
THE INSTITUTION OF A 300-mile wide neutral zone around the Americas, decided upon by the Pan-American Conference and communicated to Britain, France and Germany, is an entirely new departure with considerable implications.

The Admiralty stated yesterday that Britain is anxious to help the United States to keep war from her territorial waters if such is possible.

Meanwhile, a New York message says that some American newspapers are doubtful whether the zone will prove effective.

FRENCH WAR ON COMMUNISM

PARIS, TO-DAY.
CONTINUING THEIR ANTI-COMMUNIST DRIVE, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS INSTITUTED PROCEEDINGS AGAINST 43 COMMUNIST DEPUTIES AND HUNDREDS OF MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS.

They will be charged with spreading anti-war propaganda.

Communists sent a letter to M. Heriot, President of the Chamber, asking that Parliament be summoned to discuss peace.

They had also issued a pamphlet entitled "Immediate Peace."

Two Communist Deputies are already in prison. — Reuter.

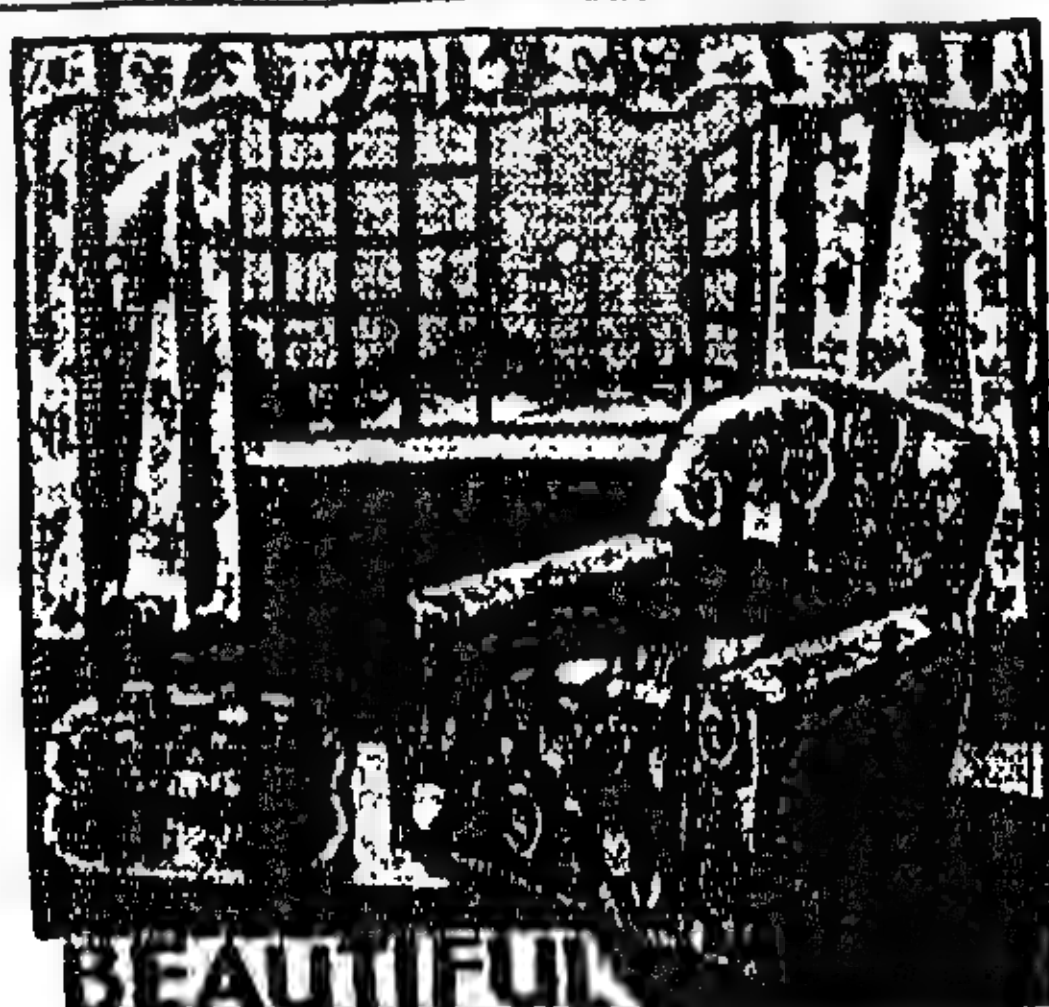
LATVIAN TRADE WITH GERMANY

KAUNAS, TO-DAY.
A LATVIAN TRADE DELEGATION IS GOING TO BERLIN TO NEGOTIATE INCREASED TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

It is understood that Germany is willing to supply Latvia with chemicals, machinery and other items in return for butter, bacon, livestock, flax, timber and other products. — Reuter.

TEA CONTROL

London, To-day.
The International Tea Committee announces that the figure of regulation for the current control year ending March 31, 1940, shall be increased by five per cent. to 95 per cent. of standard exports. — Reuter.



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Some newspapers wonder whether international law can be unilaterally amended, and the "Washington Star" asks if the zone will defend peace.

"We have strength and righteousness," says the journal, "but the pitfalls are many and the dangers great."

If any of the belligerents refuses to recognise the zone, says the newspaper, the United States may be drawn into war.

RISKY TO JUDGE

The Scripps-Howard newspapers say that until the declaration on the zone is clarified, it is risky to judge whether it is a necessary extension of the Monroe Doctrine or a bold venture in the direction of war. — Reuter.

CLARIFICATION SOUGHT

Washington, To-day.
Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, yesterday asked the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, to clarify the declaration of the Pan-American Conference concerning the 300-mile neutrality zone around the Americas. — Reuter.

SOME STATES FEAR TO COMMENCE PATROLS

Washington, To-day.
Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, after the British Ambassador's enquiry regarding the 300-mile neutral zone, stated that the American Republics had decided to consult together if a belligerent refused to accept the decision.

It would be some time before the decision to enforce naval patrols of the zone would be taken, as there were many who were opposed to the step, and considered it dangerous.

Mr. Cordell Hull pointed out, however, that the United States navy already patrols a wide stretch on both sides of the Continent. — Reuter.

WOMAN LEAPS INTO THE STREET

Throwing herself from a three-story building in Lockhart Road, Wanchai, shortly after 10 a.m. to-day, a 24-year-old Chinese woman attempted suicide.

In a critical condition she was conveyed to the Queen Mary Hospital.

LONDON TUBES TO RESUME

LONDON, TO-DAY.
ALL SECTIONS OF THE UNDERGROUND WHICH HAD BEEN CLOSED FOR EMERGENCY WORK TO MAKE THEM SAFE AGAINST AIR ATTACK, WILL BE REOPENED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

Cost of the changes, which will make the Underground as safe in war as in peace, is estimated at £1,000,000.

Electrically operated, 13-inch thick floodgates, each weighing six tons, have already been installed at Waterloo and Charing Cross stations. They can be closed in three minutes. — Reuter.

DANES WARN AGAINST ESPIONAGE

Copenhagen, To-day.
The Danish Government has appealed to citizens to be on their guard against foreign espionage.

They are warned not to speak to foreigners about the movements of ships and cargoes, whether Danish or foreign.

Dock workers have been instructed to report immediately any suspicious persons near ships or quays. — Reuter.

SHIP'S RADIOS TO BE SEALED IN JAPAN

Tokyo, To-day.
The Japanese Government has ordered the sealing of radio sets on all foreign ships in her three largest ports—Osaka, Kobe and Yokohama.

It is announced that this policy will be continued until the end of the war in Europe.

The first ship to be affected by the new law was British. — Reuter.

VICEROY RECEIVES MAHATMA

New Delhi, To-day.
The Viceroy, Lord Linlithgow, yesterday received Mahatma Gandhi and the President of the All-India Muslim League.

Gandhi and Congress leaders are going to Wadhwa to review the result of the discussions with the Congress working committee and the All-India Committee.

Little is known of the progress of the discussions, but high Congress officials endorse the strong attitude of the British Government to Hitler's peace offensive. — Reuter.

ROAD WORK FOR JEWS IN SLOVAKIA

London, To-day.
Owing to the mobilisation in Slovakia, women are replacing men as tram conductors.
Jews have been taken from concentration camps and put to work on road construction. — Reuter.



HELPING HAND FROM TOMMY.—Girls of the Women's Auxiliary Service are taking every opportunity of picking up hints on smartness from the Army. Photo shows a Tommy assisting a Women's Auxiliary to clean her buttons. (Copyright, By Air Mail).

News Snack Bar

8S. A TIME TO WIPE OUT DIPHTHERIA

IN AN ATTEMPT to stamp out diphtheria in Glasgow a scheme for the inoculation of 270,000 children has been prepared.

Two injections, each costing about 4s., will be given at fortnightly intervals to all children whose parents give their consent.

CANADA LINES UP

Simultaneously with Great Britain's call to the new Militia, thousands of Canadian youths in the non-permanent Militia have gone into training in what British Army officers have described as the "finest camp in the Empire."

The camp is known as Shilo, in Manitoba. Nearly every province in the Dominion is represented among those hundreds admitted each week for an all-too-brief period of training.

The camp has been developed as the increased expenditure for defence has made improvements possible. Work is under way on a new fifty-bed hospital, and railway connections will be established shortly.

"We hope all parents will realise the value of the scheme and will give us their support," an official of the city Health Department told the Press.

"There are at present 377 cases of diphtheria in the city's isolation hospital. The majority of them are children under ten.

Glasgow has about 180,000 school-children and another 90,000 under school age.

American tests prove inoculation against diphtheria effect. New York has reduced its deaths from the disease, from 8,000 cases a year to just under 1,000.

54,000,000 Dial "Tim"

About 54,000,000 calls have been made to the speaking clock since the inception of the TIM service on July 24, 1936, Major Tryon, Postmaster-General, stated in a written reply in the House. Total weekly number of calls now being made is about 545,000.



AFTER THE STORM.—The London Irish at Burley, Hants., after the camp was flooded. Photo shows troops filling in the holes in the muddy road with sand and gravel. (Copyright, Fox).

Lord Nuffield Aids

Seamen

Lord Nuffield has promised £6,500 to the London Port Welfare Council for the construction and maintenance of a building in or near the docks. Here the merchant seamen of the world will be provided with all help while in the Port of London.

Advice For Minister

Officially announced that the Minister of Supply, Mr. L. Burgin, proposes, as the work of the Ministry develops, to associate with it advisory panels to assist in regard to different branches of the work of the Ministry. First of these will be an advisory industrial panel.

Wrote His Epitaph

Baron Emile Beaumont D'Erlanger, the banker, died at Hythe, Kent, aged seventy-three. Until last year he played two rounds of golf a day. When his physician ordered him to stop playing golf after an illness, he wrote his own epitaph—a poem with golf as the theme.

Tide Turns For British

Film Firms

The tide has turned for British films, according to the Cinematograph Films Council formed under the Cinematograph Films Act of 1938, in its first report.

"The year has witnessed the production of British films of the highest quality," the report states. "This is demonstrated not only by the production of certain films at great cost, which have enjoyed wide popularity but also by a high general average of merit."

"The minimum cost provision of the Act of 1938 has, doubtless, contributed to this result; but we are satisfied that the main source of the improvement lay in the fact that the financial lesson of the boom years had been learned. Those engaged in production are resolved to ensure that the quality of the picture justified its cost."

First Psychological

Expert Dies

Dr. W. A. Potts, first psychological expert to be attached to any Bench in the country, has died in Birmingham, aged seventy-three.

Dr. Potts was a schoolmaster who took medicine. In 1919 was appointed psychological expert to Birmingham justices—the first position of its kind. His work resulted in an increase in psychological treatment of criminals.

Pool Trustee Resigns

Mr. Jack Tanner, executive councillor and president-elect of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, has resigned his position as trustee of Mutual Pool, Ltd., the trade union football pool which has been promoted to help charities. He said "To remove any wrong impression that may be in the minds of the members, I have decided to resign, and I wish it to be clearly understood that the union is not in any way associated with the venture."

War Damage: Names

Soon

A number of M. P.s, headed by Colonel Baldwin Webb, M. P. who called on the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the subject of compensation for war damage to property, were told by Sir John Simon that he hoped to be able to announce soon the names of those who would serve on the body which was to be appointed.

Mines Kill Two Men

A Day

From the beginning of this year until the week ended July 1, 370 men were killed and 1,534 injured in coal mines in Britain compared with 488 killed and 1,637 injured in the corresponding period of last year.

This is an average death-toll of more than two men a day, including Sundays.

Temporary—For 41 Years Presented From Court

Bath Fire Brigade, after occupying "temporary" headquarters for forty-one years, moved to a new luxurious station. A woman architect, Mrs. R. A. Gerrard, wife of the English Rugby international, was responsible for the design of the building.

Doctors' 'No' To

Woman's Bid For Board

There's no place for a woman doctor on the General Medical Council—the ruling body of the profession.

An attempt to nominate one to the Council was heavily defeated by the British Medical Association at their meeting in Aberdeen.

This was despite the plea of Dr. T. Craig, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

He said that from personal experience he knew most women doctors were extraordinarily capable.

Only twenty women were among the three hundred doctors at the meeting, but only one of them spoke—Dr. B. E. Turner, of Marylebone.

She appealed strongly that if a woman got on to the G.M.C. it should be by reason of merit and suitability, and not from exclusive support.

Quarter Of New Ships

Are British

Merchant ships under construction in Great Britain and Ireland at the end of June totalled 791,455 tons. This is an increase of 194,552 tons on work in hand at the end of the previous quarter. But it is 245,618 tons below that being built at the end of June a year ago.

For the rest of the world, 2,087,837 tons were being built at the end of the second quarter this year, which is 38,927 tons below the total at the end of March last. That gives us 27.7 per cent. of the tonnage building, says Lloyd's quarterly returns.

Leading countries abroad are: United States 391,824 tons; Germany 347,832 tons; Japan 308,349 tons; Italy 224,616 tons; Holland 223,381 tons; Sweden 169,620 tons; and Denmark 122,440 tons.

London police court humour:—Magistrate, at Willesden: You would rather have the money than a warrant for your husband?

Wife: Yes, if I can get the money.

Man at Tottenham: My wife is unjust when she says I accused my mother-in-law of interference. All I said was: "I realise you have your duty to do."

His 30th Trip Round

World

Mr. Authur K. Rhoden, seventy-three, steel merchant, of Holland Park, London, arrived at Liverpool on the Canadian Pacific liner Montrose after his thirtieth trip around the world. His first was forty years ago.

Presented From Court

From London police courts:—Husband at Willesden: My wife says "Yes" and I say "No" and then we do what she wants.

Man at Highgate: If a car's brakes are defective, a time will come when the driver will become aware of it.

Man at West Ham: My neighbour owes me some money, and I asked him to lend me two-pounds out of it.

Turkish Air Amazon

Miss Nadie Toros, aged twenty-two, principal assistant to Lieutenant Sabiha Guektchen (only woman to hold a regular Air Force commission), is going to the United States to inspect American air schools for women. Miss Toros and Lieutenant Sabiha are members of the "Turkish Bird," a women's civil air guard.

Italy Gets 'Pure' Bread

Now

Italy's increase in the price of bread for August of a halfpenny a pound is explained in the Rome Press as being "on account of the new bread being made of pure flour," and not as in the past "a mixture of grain maize and other substances."



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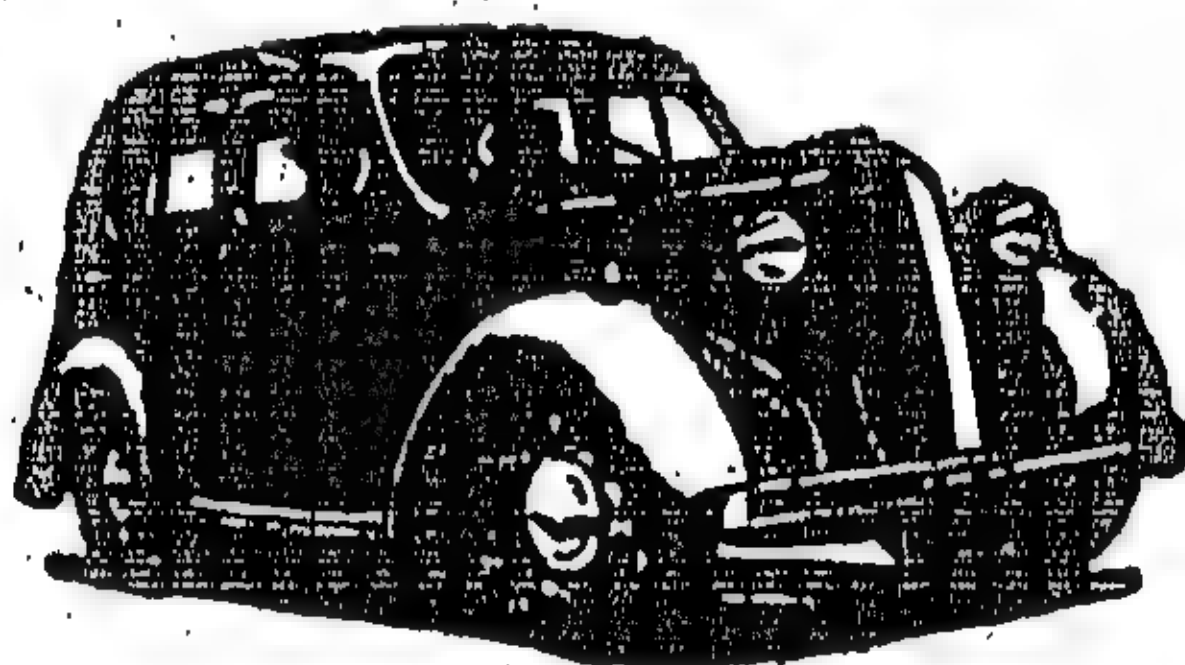
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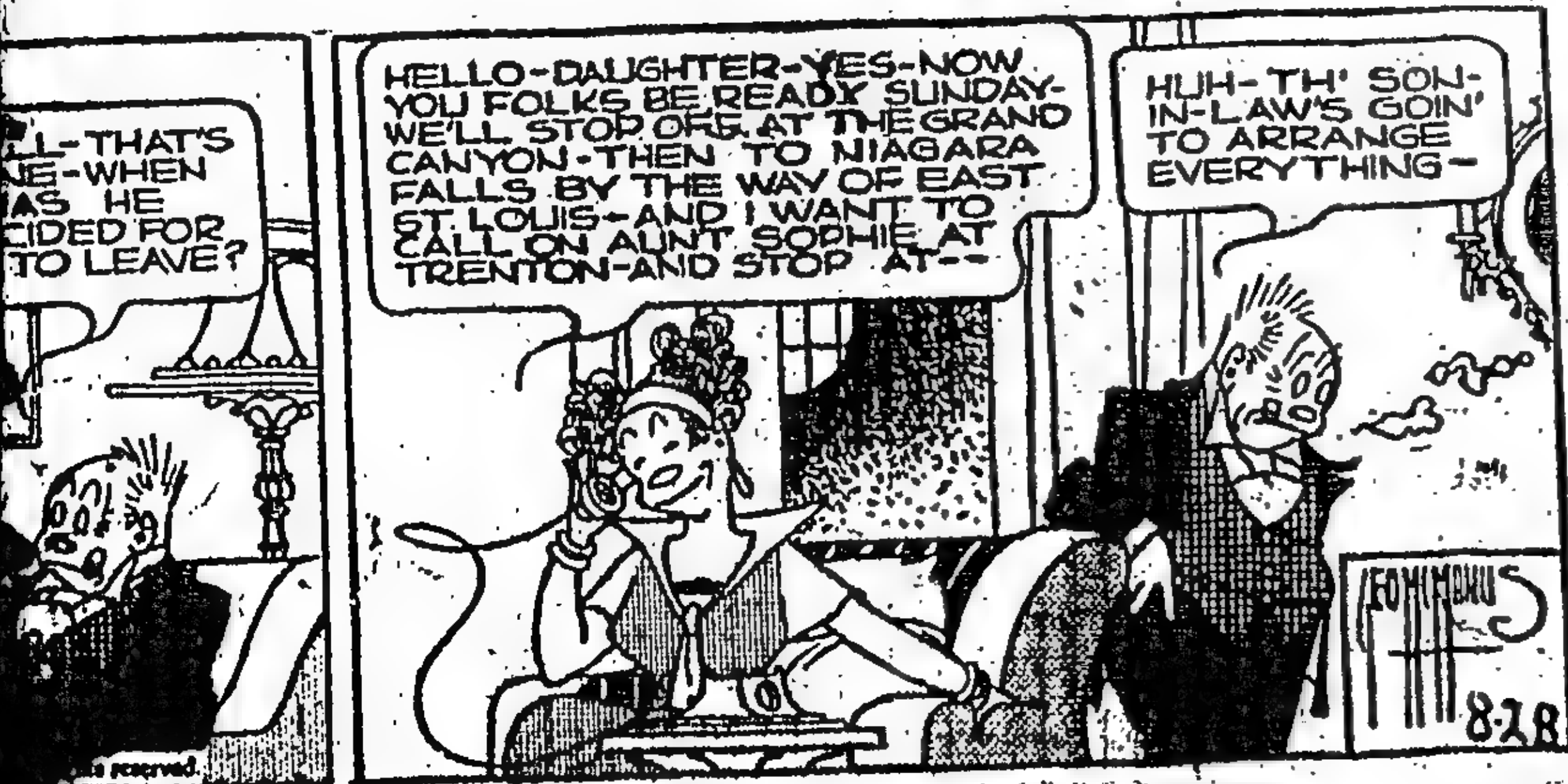


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SHORT STORY

CROSSWORDS By Charles Douthwaite

"YOU remember the Highgate house where you lived as a child?" the solicitor inquired when, in response to a letter as surprising as it was expected, Sylvia presented herself at the comfortably furnished office in Gray's Inn.

Did she not? That old-world house with the untidy studio where her charming but improvident father had lived until his death.

"Could I ever forget it!" she said feelingly.

"And old Mr. Barker-Butt? And the hide-and-seek?" the lawyer questioned, and Sylvia nodded.

"Each time he came he brought a present—sweets, or a toy," she said, "that he used to hide. If I searched for a week, he'd not have told me where."

The solicitor's quick glance at the red-haired, freckled-faced lad who was the third person in the room, and his longer one at herself, was not without a certain sympathy.

"Mr. Barker-Butt died about a fortnight ago," he said quietly. "By the terms of his will there's a legacy to yourself of £250, free of duty, and a similar amount to his grand-nephew, Lawrence Head, here."

Sylvia's heart missed a beat. £250—in real money! An antidote to the humiliating self-respect destroying dread of unemployment.

"To help you," the lawyer explained, "if you find it necessary to give up your work to carry out the main provision."

Engaged as she was in wholly un-congenial work in a St. Paul's Churchyard cloth warehouse, Sylvia did not hesitate.

"What are the wishes I'm supposed to carry out?" she asked.

"Ever heard of Galloping Nick Heritage, the highwayman?" the solicitor inquired surprisingly. "Who died prematurely in 1733?"

"Hanged, do you mean?" Sylvia exclaimed.

"Largely his own fault," the solicitor said judicially. "He should have known better than to waylay Jacob Barker-Butt, the most feared man in Sussex. With half the county recruited to the hunt, Nick was run to earth within a week, and dragged to the Manor for examination."

"Third Degree stuff?" Sylvia suggested.

"If so, it didn't accomplish its object—which was to recover the family jewels the squire had been bringing from London," the solicitor said dryly. "And though Nick made a concession at last by promising to give a clue to the hiding-place before he was 'turned off,' he said nothing until actually the rope was about his neck. Then he laughed derisively, and shouted 'Barker-Butt'—just the name of the man he'd robbed—and not another word."

"Then what am I supposed to do?" Sylvia demanded.

"Help Head to find the treasure within thirty days, and you divide the proceeds between you," the solicitor said promptly.

"I'd like to take you down in my two-seater," Head suggested, speaking for the first time, and it was during the drive she learnt that economic necessity had forced Larry to divide his talents between the production of book-jackets for the less reputable publishers and what he described as the contradiction in terms of commercial art.

At the entrance of the half-timbered, wine-red Tudor manor, they were greeted by the housekeeper, a rawboned kindly-eyed woman, who shepherded them into a trophy-and-weapon-hung hall.

"I'll take you to your room at once," she said to Sylvia. "My nephew—Hector—will look after you," she added to Larry, indicating the long-nosed, ferret-eyed man who had joined them from a door under the minstrel's gallery.

"Tell me," Sylvia said, as the house-keeper was on the point of leaving the pleasantly old-fashioned bedroom, "is there any written record of Galloping Nick?"

Mrs. Worsnop looked at her for a moment before the reply came.

"Not unless it's in a letter my mas-

ter left for you two days before he died," she said at last.

Sylvia stared. Unless she was mistaken, the woman was afraid of something.

Going out of the room, the house-keeper returned with an envelope, that she handed to Sylvia without comment, who took it to the stronger light of the window.

A moment's examination, and she knew the reason for the house-keeper's discomfort. Brown eyes purposeful, Sylvia turned.

"Who steamed open this envelope?" she demanded. Then, struck by a sudden thought, "Not your nephew, by any chance?"

The woman remained for a moment staring unhappily to her front. Then, slowly, she nodded.

"I found him busy with a kettle," she explained miserably. "I—I was so ashamed, I got some paste and resealed it—hoping you wouldn't notice. I'm so sorry."

Sylvia was spiky, too—for Mrs. Worsnop.

"Incidentally," she asked, "do you suppose he's read it?"

Looking rather relieved, the woman shook her head.

"He was just drawing it out of the envelope," she said quickly. "He's—he's a dear boy, really, and—I've no child of my own."

So that was the way of it, just another instance of starved maternal instinct turning to an unworthy object for outlet.

"That's all right, Mrs. Worsnop," Sylvia said reassuringly. Then disconcertingly a thought came. "Tell me, does your nephew know anything of the lost treasure?"

Her face troubled, the housekeeper made no attempt to shirk the issue. "I'm afraid so," she said quietly, and as Sylvia did not reply, handed over a bunch of keys. "You'll need these for your search."

Alone again, Sylvia's eyes were misty as she opened the envelope. A cynical and disillusioned old gentleman, the writer, but a loyal friend to her father, and an indulgent, understanding one to herself.

My dear Cynthia, (she read).

By this you will have been informed of my posthumous gesture to remind you of those jolly, character-building games at Highgate. And it has occurred to me that as you may consider the existence of the jewels to be so uncertain, and the area of search so wide, as to render the game impossible, this is to tell you that I, personally, discovered the clue to their hiding place here in this house, and so that the search should be worthy of our old association, allowed them to remain untouched.

Yours affectionately,

Jacob Barker-Butt.

Sylvia hurried downstairs to show the letter to Larry.

"It begins to look as if actually there is something in it," he admitted. "And if that letter isn't so much hooey, I may be able to fulfil one, at least, of my two ambitions."

This appearing to have more behind it than was on the surface.

"And they are?" Sylvia asked.

"To scrap all pot-boiling stuff, and go right ahead with my painting," he said promptly.

There was a pause.

"And the second?" she demanded, wishing she could control her pulse as well as her voice.

He looked at her, flushed, and looked away.

"I'm hoping you may be more prepared to listen to that a little later," he said in a voice she had not heard from him before.

"I'm glad Hector isn't the only one interested in what we're here for, anyway," she said hurriedly, and went on to report her discovery, and Mrs. Worsnop's admission concerning it. Only to break off as, looking more hang-dog than ever, Hector came in with the tea-tray.

Over the meal they arranged the search systematically; beginning at the cellar—because it was there Nick had been detained—they would work upward to the attics.

They found that the cellars formed the foundations of the house, and

in the next three days they searched with such minuteness that by the time it was over they had come, as Larry claimed, to know every spider by its middle name. And when all the accumulated junk had been replaced, and with nothing resembling a clue discovered, physically dishevelled, but mentally unruffled, they were better friends than ever.

On the fourth and fifth day they "did" the drawing-room, only, as they expected, to draw blank; on the sixth, the dining-room, where, again, they went unrewarded.

"The big trouble, of course," Larry said as they passed into the hall, "is that we're not the vaguest idea of what we're looking for."

"A piece of paper or parchment, probably," said Sylvia.

"A chart, perhaps, with a cross to mark the body," said Larry satirically. "I wonder where Nick was put through his Third Degree, anyway?"

"Either in the study or the hall, I should imagine," Sylvia suggested. "But he'd be watched too closely to be able to hide anything. . . Besides, it was there where he promised to give them the clue."

Larry sniffed.

"And all he did was to yell out the name of the man responsible for putting the rope round his neck," he reminded her.

Sylvia thought for a moment.

"Your room hasn't been disturbed, by any chance?" she asked quietly at last, and Larry looked up alertly.

"Not that I know of," he said. "Anyone been poking about yours?"

She nodded.

"Yes. I know because I arranged my things in such a way that I could tell if they'd been touched. . . They have—carefully—but unmistakably."

"The estimable Hector, of course," Larry said, frowning, and Sylvia nodded again.

"It's the Snooper, all right, and quite frankly I don't like it," she said purposefully.

"Neither do I, and so he's going to find out before he's through," Larry assured her grimly, and after dinner disappeared until about a quarter of an hour before her usual bed-time.

"You were right about the Snooper," he said without preliminary. "He's been running the rule over my room—to-night. After that letter, probably—to see if it'll give him a lead."

Sylvia got to her feet, but he laid a detaining hand on her arm.

"If you're thinking of complaining to Mrs. Worsnop," he said—"hold your horses."

"Why?" she asked indignantly.

"Because I've an idea the Snooper may know something, and I don't want to cramp his style," Larry explained.

Thereafter, while one made a search of the upstairs rooms, the other kept a close but unobtrusive eye on the Snooper, so that it was noon of the twenty-ninth day before the search was complete—and with no clue discovered.

After lunch, as they smoked their cigarettes by the old carp pond a hundred yards from the house:

"I shall be sorry to leave—all this," Sylvia said, contrasting the vista of lake and parkland with a very secondhand-furnished bed-sitting room in Balham, and with the realisation that her former loneliness was as nothing to what she would have to face now.

"I shall be sorry to leave more than—this," Larry responded, his eyes very directly on herself.

If she felt herself flushing in tune to the racing of her pulse, she contrived to shrug her shoulders.

"Well, that's how it goes," she said. "All we can do is take our beating like little gentlemen, and just forget the treasure ever existed."

"Supposing we'd found it—what?" Larry said.

"In that case," she returned, her voice not as steady as her eyes, "maybe we'd have lived happy ever after."

He took an eager step forward, and she a reluctant one backward.

"You mean that you—care?" he

said.

She gave a gesture that indicated the futility of discussing the obvious. With £250 at his back, he still would be able to give some part of his time to the work that mattered.

Saddled with a wife, it would be pot-boilers to the end of the chapter.

"I wish I didn't," she said—and stopped. "No I don't. It isn't any good, of course, but it happens to be all that matters."

But he needed her so badly, and pleaded so hard for her to change her mind that, unable to trust herself, she turned back to the house, passed slowly through the french windows, and into the hall.

It was as her foot was on the first tread of the stairs that the sound came from the study—a metallic tinkle that reminded her that she had left her keys on the dressing-table.

Soundlessly she turned into the passage to the study. The door open by a couple of inches, she could see the Snooper trying the lock of a drawer in the old writing-table—into where, for safe custody, she had put the letter.

As quietly as she had come, she went back; saw that Larry was staring motionlessly into the pond.

"The Snooper," she whispered as he joined her. "Burgling the study desk!"

Fire in his eye, Larry turned, lifted from the wall the pistol that Galloping Dick had left behind when he was taken to Lewes.

"This'll warn him," he whispered, tip-toed down the passage and crashed open the study door.

Jerking to the upright, the Snooper's never especially attractive face whitened. He made an attempt to speak, but succeeded only in gulping.

Switching his grip to the barrel of his weapon, Larry weighed it triumphantly in his hand.

"If you don't want the butt of this dropped on your head, you'll explain what you're doing at that desk," he said, sternly, and stared in astonishment as, her eyes shining with excitement, Sylvia laid an urgent hand on his arm.

"Send him away!" she said tensely.

After all, as there was nothing he could do, probably this was the best way out. Measuring that shrinking workshy with his eyes, Larry jerked his head in the direction of the door.

"Beat it!" he said shortly, and, registering relief, the Snooper shot through into the passage.

"And now what?" Larry demanded, turning.

"What was the highwaymen's slang name for their pistols?" Sylvia asked in a strained voice.

Larry thought for a moment.

"Their 'barkers,' wasn't it?" he said at last.

Controlling a rising tide of excitement.

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THE LAST TRAIN OUT OF WARSAW

Bucharest.
WE were bombed 14 times before we reached Zaleszczyki, on the Polish-Rumanian frontier, now occupied by the Russians. I was among the very last of the foreign journalists to leave Warsaw on September 6 in a special train evacuating all the higher officials and the most important State documents and archives.

The entire administrative machinery which governed Poland was crammed into a single train which was called the "ghost train" because it proved a death trap for so many. After much wandering in the shade of the German bombers it failed to reach its destination.

The Government's evacuation from Warsaw was decided on within a single hour after the German troops broke through on the front north of Warsaw on September 6.

The Polish high command had failed to notify the Government of the real position of the front, so that the evacuation that took place was rather panicky. Many foreign diplomats only learned by chance of the Government's departure after seeing boxes carried out from the Foreign Office, loaded hurriedly and rushed off to the train.

The foreign diplomats, journalists and officials were still sitting in War-

saw's fashionable cafes talking about a long war when they learned that they must pack and depart within a few hours.

Very few managed to take anything with them. My family and myself went at once, leaving everything behind.

So big was the rush out from Warsaw that it took over an hour to cross the Vistula Bridge towards the Eastern station, where a train was supposed to be waiting for us. It took three hours to find the carriages. The station presented the worst confusion imaginable, mothers shouting in the dark for their children, husbands for wives, children weeping for their parents, all fearing a return of the planes which a day earlier had bombarded the same station, killing many.

The train was composed of 14 carriages carrying officials from the Ministry of War, the Ministry of Justice, of the Interior, of Foreign Affairs, Social and Public Works, Education and the Senate. It was originally destined for Lublin, which was to be first halt of the evacuated Polish Government. But the direct route was impossible owing to the damaged railway line at Deblin. We were taken a round-about way, subjecting about 1,500 men, women and children in the train to the worst ordeal imaginable.

The first encounter with a German bomber was about 60 miles north of Warsaw. The bomber flew over the train at a low altitude, causing indescribable panic. Passengers jumped out of the carriages and ran into the fields and woods seeking any available shelter. But the bomber hurried on to the junction station at Czeremcha in front of us, where, 20 minutes later, we ran into a real hell.

Three German bombers arrived before we had time to look for shelter, and over 50 bombs were dropped, including several incendiary bombs. No shelters were available. Women, men and children clung to trees, knelt praying in the open fields, hid in the ditches near the road, whilst bombers came in still larger numbers, attacking fiercely the railways junction. I am not sure even now which noise was the more demoralising, the cries of the women and children or the explosion of the bombs.

I saw a mother lying with her baby in a crater made by a bomb during one of the earlier German attacks on the same station. My own little boy, aged four, who had gone through over 30 air raids in Warsaw, clung to my knees weeping, calling: "Daddy, dear, tell them to stop bombing."

Before we left our ditches we were bombed again and again, each time with greater ferocity and determination. Surprisingly, this station linking North-East Poland with the capital was entirely unprotected, so that the German planes did their destructive work without risk.

The stationmaster, worn out after enduring about 30 air-raids, remained calmly on duty and managed to keep his eye on my little boy, who was wandering about scanning the sky to see whether the bombers were coming back. Even now when he is safe in Bucharest, thanks to the kind hospitality of the Rumanian Government, he cannot sleep, walking continually at night to ask whether the bombers are coming.

We finally manoeuvred our train out of the damaged railway station, but not all the passengers reappeared. A large number of them, including officials of the Polish Foreign Office, disappeared and were not seen again. The bombers obviously had not aimed

at the passengers but were attempting to destroy the junctions so as to hinder transport. Otherwise, not a few, but all, would have been killed.

Our ordeal was not over. It began again when more bombers arrived and hovered over the ghost train. Time after time passengers left the carriages in terror and hid in fields, woods and ditches. Once, when the bombers reappeared overhead, women and children escaped by lying down in swamps inches deep in water until the planes had passed.

So terrified became the passengers that the slightest noise caused them to jump from the train. At each station one saw people unable to bear the strain any longer disappear into the woods and not emerge again. A judge in Poland's highest tribunal, who travelled in the same carriage with me, left the train with his wife, preferring to remain in the fields rather than continue the journey.

After each bombing fewer passengers remained in the train, and those who stayed had their nerves shattered, particularly the women and children. It was a ghastly experience. Food and water were completely unobtainable, and people were fainting from exhaustion. The most pitiable sight was the little white-faced terror-stricken children seeking to hide themselves to escape the bombing. Their cries are still ringing in my ears.

For four days the train wandered from place to place unable to reach Lublin because the town had been heavily bombed. The train was diverted to Chelm, Kowel, later to Luck, and finally to Krzemieniec, dropping various ministerial officials on the way. In Krzemieniec the Polish Foreign

Minister and officials of the Embassies and Legations and others enjoyed a short respite, but soon the German bombers arrived here too. They dropped ten bombs, killing 31 people. The bomb which caused most casualties fell just near the house where I was sheltering with my family.

Unable to obtain other means of transport, many people hired plain peasant carts to take them out of Krzemieniec further away towards the Rumanian border. We followed them. For three days and nights we wandered by road, keeping away from the main highways in fear of enemy planes. Even on the side roads the planes followed us, but making no attempt to bomb us. We met tens of thousands of refugees fleeing before the Germans without knowing where they were going. Many frontier zones were suddenly closed to refugees and people were running from place to place in search of refuge like mice in a trap. We met refugees from Silesia and Galicia who had walked for 500 miles. They were like skeletons. They had lost all human appearance.

Apart from the material damage they caused the bombers proved that they have an extremely powerful psychological effect, spreading panic and placing all in a state of uncertainty and fear.

Travelling from Krzemieniec to Zaleszczyki we kept near the Russian border. The inhabitants seemed everywhere confident that the German bombers would not attack localities near the Russian frontier because the German-Russian agreement, they maintained, provides for a frontier zone to be an asylum from the war.

I saw thousands of refugees going in the direction of the Russian frontier as if in expectation of the Russian move.

CROSSWORDS

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ment, she nodded.
"And now I'm going to tell you it wasn't the name of the man he'd robbed that Galloping Nick shouted from the scaffold," she said. "It was the clue to where he'd hidden the treasure!"

As, speechlessly, he stared at her, she stretched out an impatient hand. "Give me that—barker," she cried, and when he had done so, tapped the silver knob that rounded off the base of the stock. "Butt," she whispered. "In other words, the clue is in the barker butt."

With a firm grip of the barrel, her other hand closed about the knob. Oiled by the one who had last turned it, it responded sweetly enough, and she thrust a vibrating finger into the cavity thus exposed.

A moment later she was waving a slip of paper before Larry's incredulous face.

She took it to the writing-table, smoothed it out. Yellowed by time, the paper wore a few illiterately scrawled lines in ink as yellowed, almost, as itself.

"A score paces south of mabs oke," Armed with spades and picks the two set off for Mab's Oak that stood within measurable distance of what once had been the road between the Four Feathers Inn, that was Galloping Nick's chief hidey-hole, and Francome village, where he was captured.

Buried three feet down they found what was left of a jewel case, the settings of rings and brooches, necklaces and earrings, snuffboxes and shoe-buckles, blackened by time and damp.

"Clean up, too, most of it," pronounced Larry. "And once the find becomes known, the collectors will be falling over themselves to buy. And for a good many thousands."

"And to think," she said slowly, "that my old friend should have given me half of an amount like that!"

A hand searched for, and found, her own.

"He's given you all of it, so far as I'm concerned," Larry whispered. Her smile was not as tremulous as she felt.

"And yourself with it, I suppose," she said severely.



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"Wasn't I on the warpath by your side? And look at me — no more hangover than an innocent little child."

"Well, it's not natural. It just

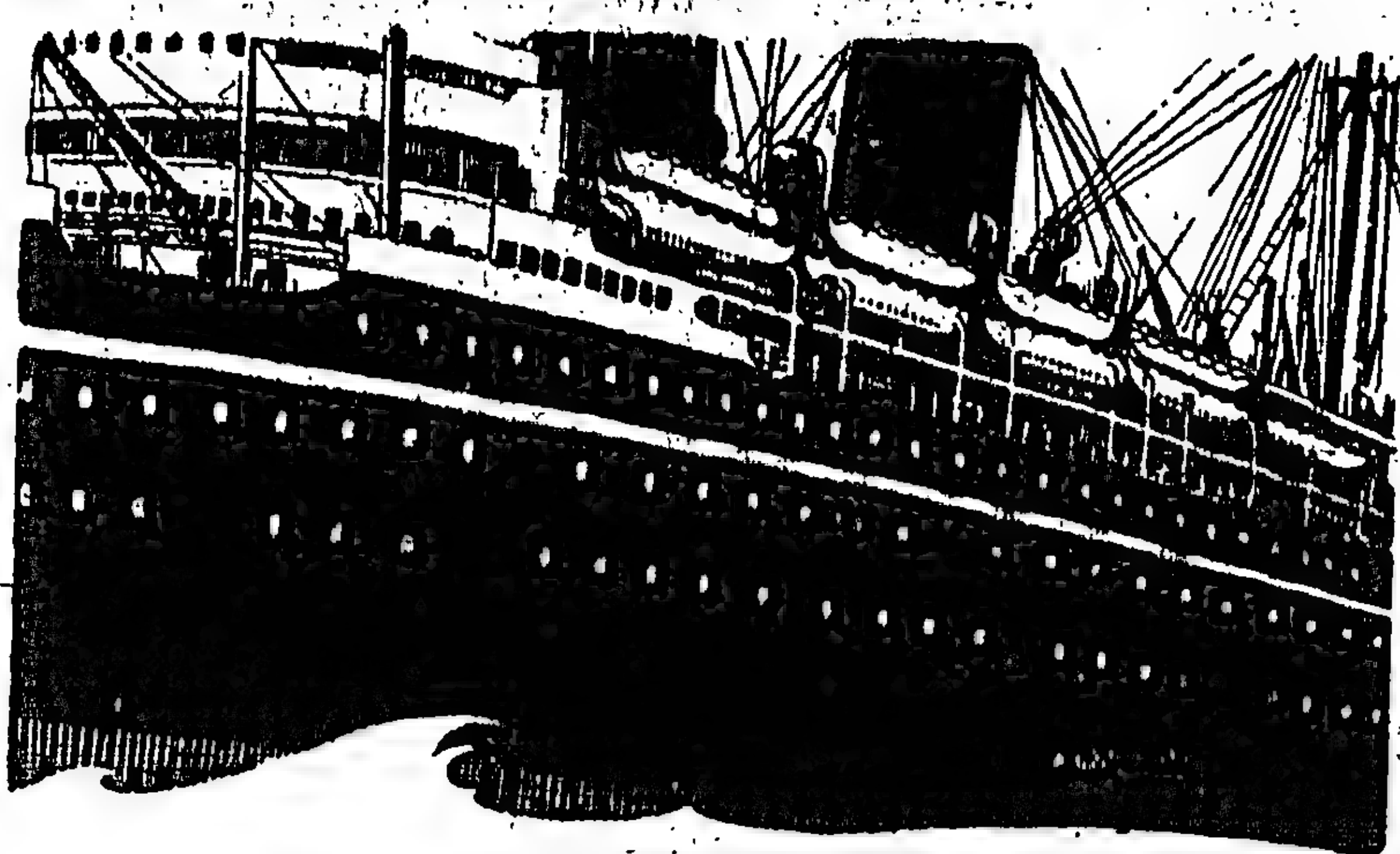
proves that the Devil looks after his own."

"I look after myself, old son. Last night I took a sizeable swig of Rose's Lime Juice before hitting the hay. That's how to kill off the aftermath of alcohol."

"You wouldn't lead me up the garden, Timothy?"

"Peter, you wrong me. I've seen the light and I'm passing on the tip."

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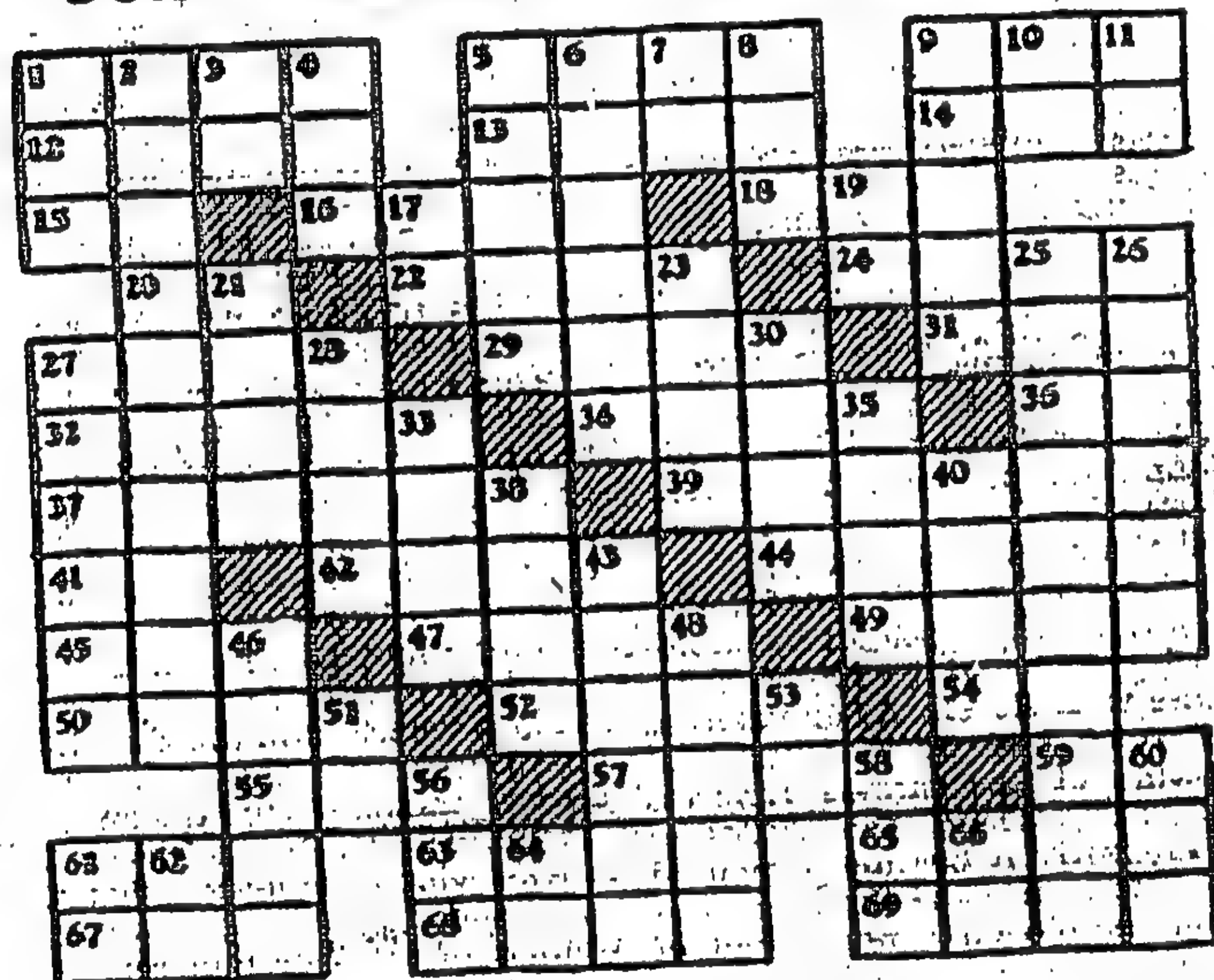
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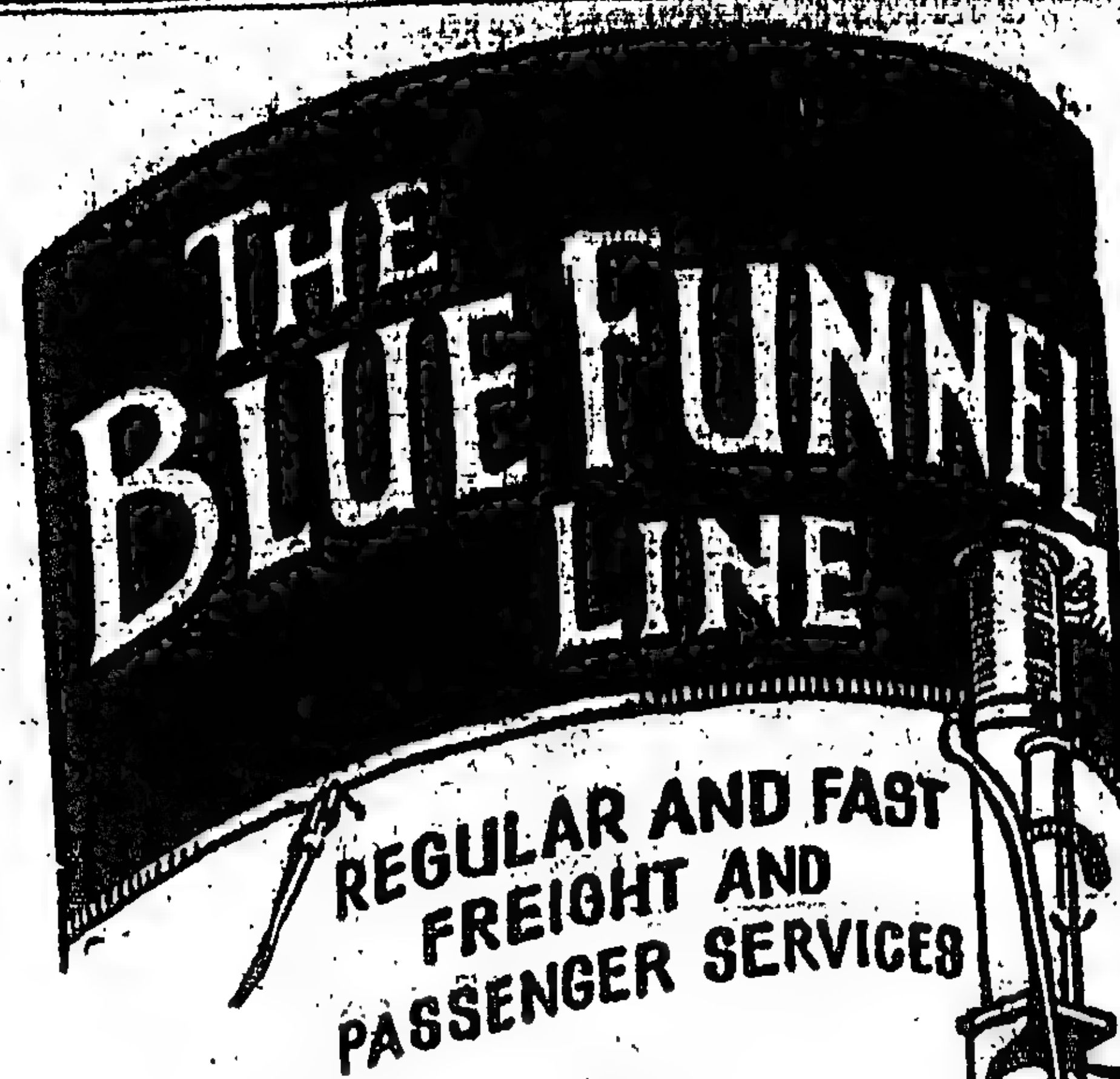
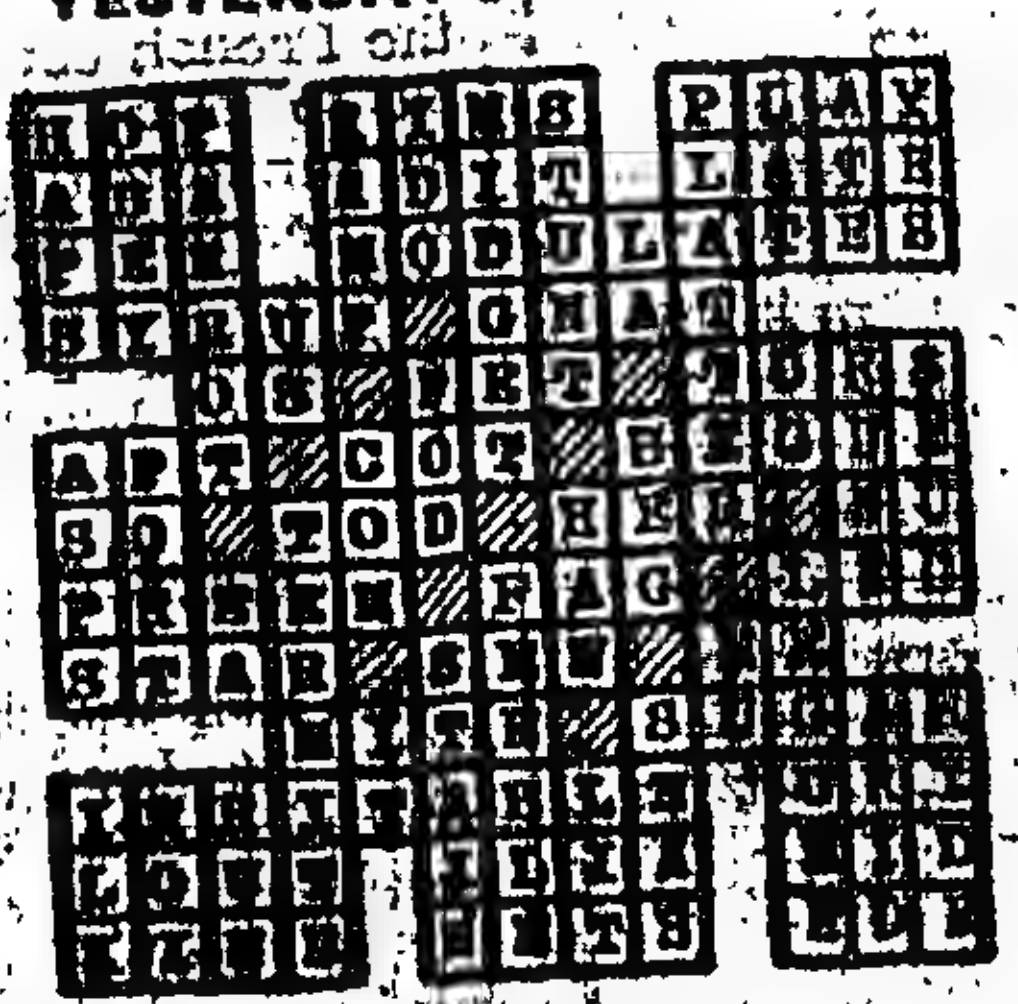
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Beat into a pulp
- 5 Speck
- 9 Recent
- 12 Ox of Celebes
- 13 Flower
- 14 Native metal
- 15 Near
- 16 Delay
- 18 Negative
- 20 Conjunction
- 22 Stride
- 24 Interpret (archaic)
- 27 Definite locality
- 29 Opening
- 31 Weight of India
- 32 Sharpens
- 34 Male deer
- 36 Preposition
- 37 Give oneself up to habit
- 39 Averred
- 41 French article
- 42 Master
- 44 Replenish
- 45 Part of head
- 47 Blind
- 49 Tree (pl.)
- 50 One who affects superiority
- 52 Ship channels

VERTICAL

- 1 Cry of sheep
- 2 Directly opposite
- 3 Therefore
- 4 Turn to left
- 5 Court order (pl.)
- 6 Hostelry
- 7 Part of "to be"
- 8 Number
- 9 Observes
- 10 Comparative ending
- 11 Pronoun
- 17 Conjunction
- 19 Correlative of either
- 21 Devotedly attached
- 23 Cooking utensils
- 25 Resolved
- 26 Wears away
- 27 Fissile rocks
- 28 The European lime
- 30 Makes edging
- 33 British subject
- 35 Movable barrier
- 38 Trim
- 40 Tax
- 43 More precious
- 46 Kind of tree
- 48 A definite task
- 51 Exist
- 53 Therefore
- 56 Uppermost part
- 58 Rocky pinnacle
- 60 Unit
- 61 Conjunction
- 62 51 (roman numeral)
- 64 Brother of Odin
- 66 Jumbled type

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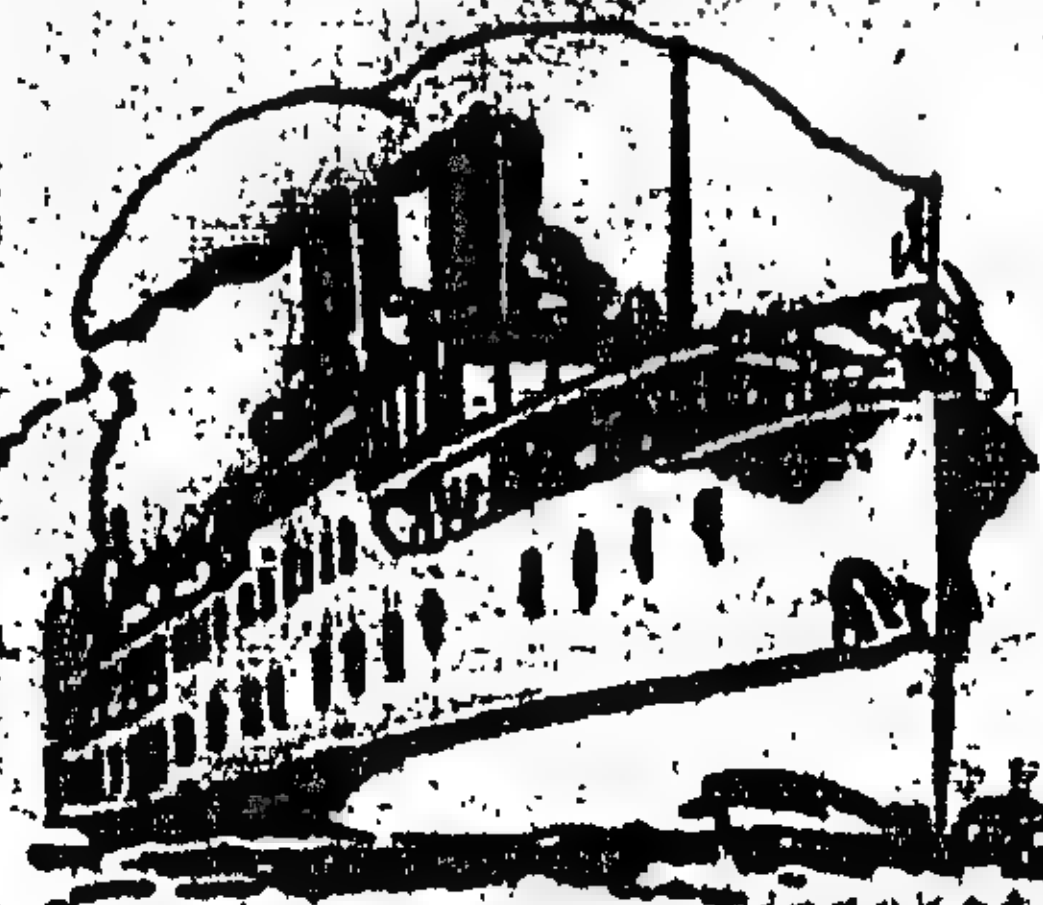
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TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE**CHEVALIER D'EON—
MAN OR WOMAN?**

BY VINCENT TOWNE

"Sir, he is a woman! By fighting in this duell Your Excellency will make himself a laughing stock at court!"

So the Count Guerchy, French Ambassador to the Court of St. James, declined to go forth at sunrise and meet, upon the field of honour, his predecessor, that creature of mystery, Charles Genevieve Louis Auguste Andre Timothee d'Eon de Beaumont—popularly known as the "Chevalier d'Eon."

Born at Tonnerre, France, in 1728, d'Eon early attracted attention by a weird talent for impersonating either sex with such success as to deceive intimate friends. Learning of the talent, Louis XV. lost no time in putting it to use to serve the purpose of court intrigue. So the young "Chevalier" became the French king's secret agent in diplomatic affairs. He (for convenience we will apply the masculine



A Moustache Said By Many To Be False

pronoun to d'Eon) became the most successful spy that ever pried into the secrets that hold kingdoms together and break them asunder.

Part of the time, at the courts of Europe he was a dashing young officer, with sword on side and a moustache said by many to be false, who challenged his brothers in arms at the least provocation, who glanced and flirted with the court belles, and who had the confidence of his fellow courtiers.

Bravely he fought in the army of France, enduring the hardships of a campaign as bravely as he undertook diplomatic missions entailing the gravest perils, and necessitating the most exciting hairbreath escapes.

Then he would drop out of sight and there would appear at court functions a delicately formed, charming creature who had all of the young beaux and old rouses of court at her side, who broke hearts (and purses too), who was the gayest flirt that ever cast sheep's eyes at the sterner sex.

For a long time one suspected that the dashing d'Eon and this court coquette playing of both the male and female roles enabled King Louis' spy to pry into secret documents, intercept dispatches, overhear dark secrets of state, eavesdrop and peep and pry, make and mar men intrusted with confidences upon which hinged the destiny of kingdoms.

It was the most dramatic feat of espionage ever performed in all history. And d'Eon never missed his cue or overplayed his part. He outspied all other spies of history.

Upon the eve of the great Seven Years' War, France sought a diplomatist with sufficient genius to effect an alliance with Russia. After veterans of the service had failed Louis sent to the court of the shrewd Empress Elizabeth, at Moscow, the Chevalier d'Eon. Presently it became rumoured about the Russian court that the Empress had employed a new maid of

honour, who was daily at her side and who seemed to hold a spell over Her Majesty.

The pretty, bright-eyed girl slyly directed the conversation into channels which allowed her to display a wondrous knowledge of life at the courts of Europe and gradually she presented arguments setting forth the advantages of an alliance between Russia and France.

Thus resulted the alignment of France, Russia and Austria against Frederick the Great of Prussia, during the Seven Years' War. Throughout that struggle d'Eon kept the allies together with such skill that Louis commissioned him as Ambassador to London, that he might use his wiles against the British sovereign.

The Chevalier arrived at the Court of St. James in the guise of a man, but he had not been there long until he defied his king. So Louis sent to London in d'Eon's stead, Count Guerchy, with ambassadorial commission for himself and letters to recall for the Chevalier. But d'Eon refused to give up his post and, during the quarrel that followed, he challenged the Count to the duel which that noble refused to fight because warned that his adversary was a woman. He had been recognized by some argus-eyed courtier who had met him while playing his feminine role at one of the capitals of Europe.

This recognition proved to be d'Eon's undoing. He was beginning to grow too passe for the dual role. Into his once delicate complexion had come character lines that made disguise difficult. It was another of the many penalties of age.

Some inquisitive British courtier dared to ask d'Eon whether he was really a woman and the little Chevalier promptly seized the intruder by the throat, choking him almost into insensibility. But throughout England it was widely believed that the late ambassador of France was either a woman or of uncertain sex.

An ugly feud resulted from d'Eon's recall by Louis. He had Guerchy indicted for attempting to assassinate him with poison and Guerchy had him indicted for libel. The quarrel resulted in the Count's favour and the Chevalier was exiled from France. After spending some years a subject of dispute, he was permitted by his king to return to France upon condition that he would henceforth dress as a woman.

A strong argument in favour of his being a woman was the fact that he accepted these conditions and appeared during the remaining 33 years of his life in feminine garb, using the name "Mme. d'Eon." Finding his prestige at the French court to be lost, he returned to more friendly London, where he supported himself by giving fencing lessons until, during a bout, he received a mortal wound from which he died May 21, 1810, in the 82nd year of his (or her) age.

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GERMAN THESIS ON MERCHANTMEN AGAIN REFUTED

London, To-day.

IN RECENT GERMAN broadcasts in Spanish, the statement was again made that the arming of merchant vessels turns them into "franc-tireurs."

This is in conflict with the accepted views of international jurists, to the effect that, although beligerent merchant ship, may legally be captured on the high seas, their crews may legally fight to defend their vessels from capture.

The right to effect capture and the right to avoid or resist it are both equally valid.

The position was correctly summarised by Dr. Ellerey C. Stowell, in an article in the "New York American" in 1916.

He wrote: "the important consideration is that upon the outbreak of this war, we find merchantmen possessing the right to arm for defence. Before the war, I had never heard this right being questioned; yet it was well understood that piracy and privateering were no longer a menace to peaceful commerce."

GERMAN LEGAL OPINION

It is interesting to note that this was also the opinion of Dr. Hans Wehberg, the German international lawyer, who in the work "Das Seekriegsrecht der Law of Naval Warfare," published during the Great War said: "The resistance of enemy merchant ships to capture would only be unlawful if the rule against it had found common recognition. But in truth no single example can be produced from international precedents in which States have held that resistance has not been lawful."

The arguments of these distinguish-

ed American and German jurists are directed, of course, to the question of armed merchantmen, and not to armed merchant cruisers, which since they are commissioned as vessels of war are entitled to engage in offensive beligerent operations, but lose the status of merchant ships.—British Wireless.

TWO BREEDS OF BOLSHEVISM

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As a result of recent events, that difficulty, at least, exists no longer. The Powers of Evil are now united. National Socialism and International Socialism are at one. The two Governments that base their systems upon robbery, torture and murder are marching together. The anti-Christian and anti-God forces are in step. There can surely be no conference or compromise with the Stalin-Hitler front which now presents itself naked and unashamed before the horrified eyes of the civilised world.

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Group taken at King's Park last Sunday of the Central British Association Ladies' hockey teams after a practice.



A scene during the Charity game at Caroline Hill between Eastern and the Halphong selected team. A Halphong player heading in.



Spectators at the Boys Scouts' Association swimming meeting, held last Saturday at the Victoria Recreation Club.



Competitors before one of the events at the Boys Scouts swimming Sports last Saturday.



A group of spectators at the scouts' swimming sports last Saturday.

WITH most schoolmasters now engaged in Volunteering and other essential duties it is to be hoped that schoolboys' football will not suffer this season.

Though last season it was brought to a sudden close, there was no lack of interest in the League while it lasted and several good games were witnessed both at the Valley and on the Mainland.

Last season the League was not run on a definite fixture basis but schools were permitted to arrange their own matches by mutual consent. All being considered the League went off very well.

Friendly games are always played between the various school, but to

most schools the lack of playing fields is a great handicap.

There is little doubt that clubs who have grounds would be willing to place these at the disposal of schools on application, and as these games can always be played in the early afternoon, there should be no clashing with club members' privileges.

Hong Kong Football Association have always done their best to encourage school football.

On Tuesday, a schoolboys' charity

game between Island and Mainland schools will be played on Club ground at 2.30 p.m.

His Excellency the Governor will be present for the greater part of the game and will distribute mementos—supplied by the Association—at the conclusion of the game, to both teams.

MISS Betty Harker, the Interport hockey and League tennis player, made one of her first appearances on

a badminton court for some years on Wednesday evening, at K.C.C.

Although having a good deal to learn about the finer points of the game, Miss Harker gave promise of developing into an extremely useful mixed doubles player. Naturally she has good "ball sense" and gave every indication, thus early, of an ability to work up a sound short game.

R. T. Broadbridge, one of the most promising K.C.C. tennis players, also made his debut on the badminton court. He proved to be very quick in covering court and, having a good eye and excellent reach, can be expected to do well in a short time at the indoor game.

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SPORTS PARADE

LAWN BOWLS NOTES

SOME BOWLERS PLAY IN SPITE OF THE WEATHER!

W.K. Way Makes Sensational Debut As Senior Skip

FOUL CONDITIONS A GROOVED PERFORMANCE AT CIVIL SERVICE

(By "SKIP")

Despite the depressing conditions which prevailed, four out of last Saturday's scheduled games were played off, the heroic efforts to finish the League games being a tribute to the hardiness—or fool-hardiness—of the players.

In most cases two or three heads were played before a downpour caused an adjournment, opportunity then being taken to have tea.

Conditions were so bad at Civil Service Club that it was not possible to keep the scores on the black-boards whilst the cards were in some cases too obliterated to be of any use.

The only thing that mattered to Club de Recreio was that they won by a few shots and so finished up the season undefeated, a truly great record.

As their third team was in the meantime winning their divisional title, the Club had a cheerful day, if one forgets the expected defeat of the "B" string at Craigengower, where Bill Way made a sensational debut as a First Division skip by chalking up the only possible of the season in that division.

His rink A. A. Razack, W. Ward and A. M. Omar were admittedly all playing well but to secure this big count against a skip of the calibre of F. X. Soares with B. Basto as his third man was a great feat.

K. C. C. LOSE ON ALL RINKS

Owing to illness and duty, Kowloon Cricket Club were compelled to play two reserves and lost narrowly, though on all rinks, to their Austin Road neighbours, who also had a substitute playing.

The result of this latter match devolved more or less on three heads. Willie Macfarlane secured a six against

Jimmy Hyde who had previously chalked up a five to take the lead, and the home skip held the advantage to the finish: Adam Holland had a like count early on to overtake Fincher but the latter recovered to take the lead again only for Holland to finish up with six shots on the last two heads. He was in very good form, as was Tommy Robson as his second man and they needed to be for Joe Fraser rose to great heights and nearly won the match of his own account.

Frank Cheesman was not up to his usual standard and Madar had the better of him for the most part, whilst Logan was not impressive.

GOODWIN'S MISFORTUNE

On the other rink Joe Meyer ran into a useful lead against Frank Goodwin but here again it was a big count, a five at the penultimate head, which turned the scales. It was a rather lucky five, for Frank Goodwin in trying to break up two perfect shots, was unfortunate enough to remove his third wood, leaving a count of four to which the home skip added another.

Hughie Nish was playing a good game throughout and was unlucky with a great shot at the very last head when the home team had a minimum lead. With a couple of pounds on he took the jack back but it did not go through with his wood and the home-ers got a couple. Frank Goodwin played some brilliant shots and was often saving but he had a few erratic woods at times when the lapses made little difference.

A. A. Remedios had the only win for Club de Recreio "B" at the Valley and he did well to overcome Coates who was playing very well. The home skip was well ahead at one time but the Portuguese team fought back gamely to win by three.

Charlie Roza-Perreira as Number Three was in fine fettle whilst Machado was giving Joe Leonard a pretty tight game.

STRONG FINISH

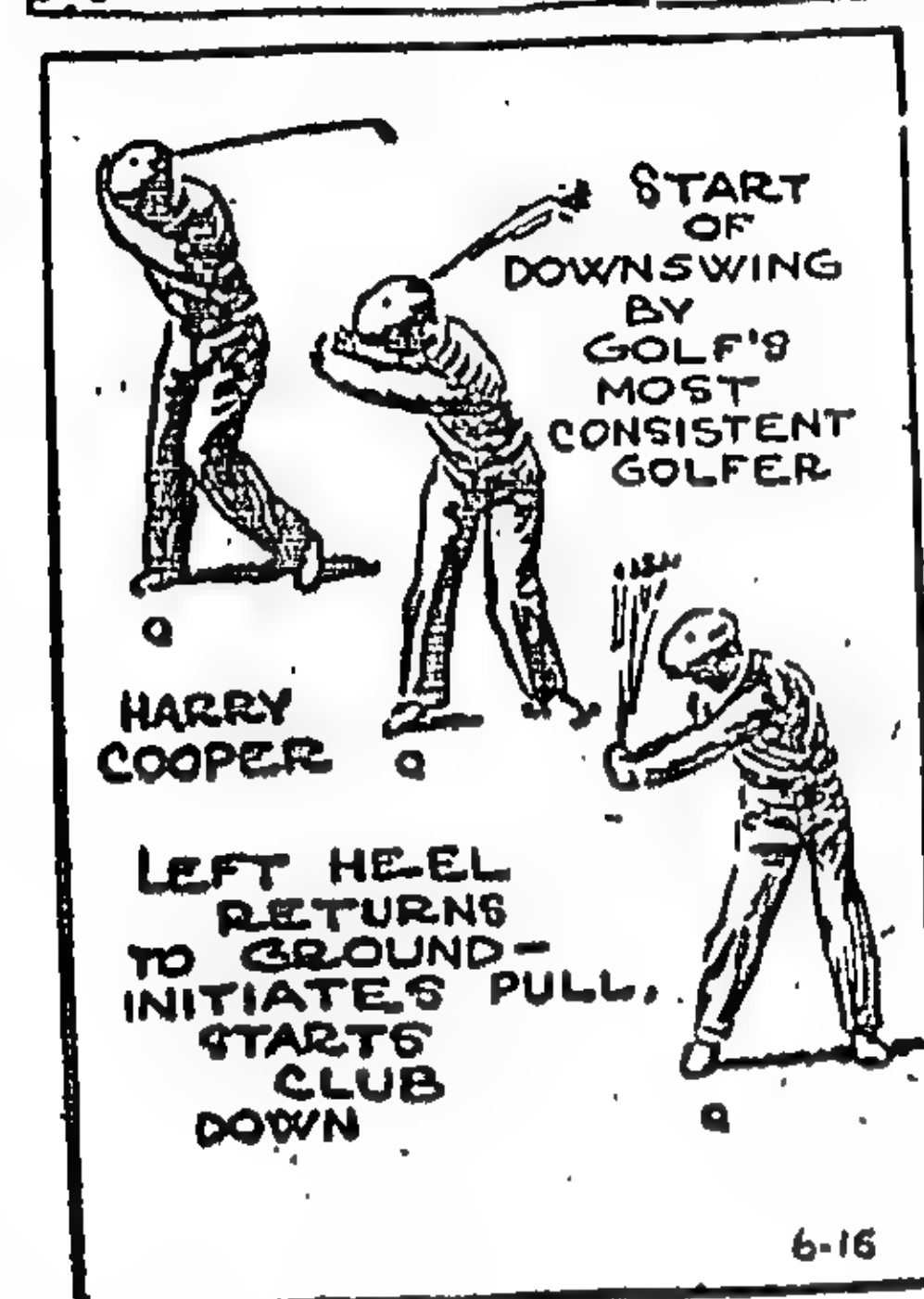
Charlie Rosset finished up strongly against J. J. Basto to win by five after an even game but Bill Way was always sitting pretty against F. X. Soares and the "possible" consolidated his position beyond all doubt.

L. Jack, the Kowloon Cricket Club lawn bowler, returned from leave on Friday. Whilst in England, Jack visited Wanstead for the Esplanade Cup matches which visit he described as "most convivial."

He also met A. E. Silkstone, former K.C.C. stalwart, who is now in business for himself and "doing very well."

Kowloon Cricket Club's annual general meeting will be held in the clubhouse at 6 p.m. to-day.

GRAPHIC GOLF



THIRD DIVISION

REMEDIOS BEATS MUSKETT

(By "SKIP")

At Ming Yuen, the King's Park juniors were all over their opponents, only Stopani Thompson, thanks to a late five, putting up any opposition. This count actually placed him in the lead but Yvanovich scored a couple of singletons on the last two heads to square matters.

O. P. Remedios had another big

By BEST BALL
For a number of years Harry Cooper has been among the leading money makers in the professional field. Never a National Open winner, he has seemingly made up for this oversight by garnering titles and purses here, there and everywhere over the winter trail. The word for his game is consistency; a grooved swing that allows repeatedly good strokes.

Never overlong off the tee, Cooper gets appreciable distances and furthermore gets them straight down the alley where they count most. Above is the start of the stroke which pays such dividends. As the left hip turns aside, the left heel returns to the ground. This creates a pull up the left side to the left arm which starts pulling the club down. The wide arc gives Cooper a maximum speed at impact, though it is gradually accelerated momentum due to the swinging formula above.

Monday. — Sarazen Still Has Grip On Game

win, Bert Muskett, the Electricians most successful skip, being his victim this time. Taking the lead at the fifth head his rink never looked back and they ran out by sixteen shots.

Eddie Sousa was heading for a big score when he had put on 29 at the 15th end but the left-handed Sloan scored on the subsequent heads to lose by nearly a dozen.

United Hockey Clubs are reminded that the annual general meeting will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall at 7 p.m. to-day.

SPORTS PARADE

(Continued from page 22)

THE K.C.C. court, as far as surface and space is concerned, could not be better, but there remains much room for improvement in regard to lighting. I cannot see any means of overcoming the white-celling difficulty, which makes a job most difficult to follow, but I understand that there is a possibility of screens, after the pattern of those used when badminton was played regularly at K.C.C. before, being installed.

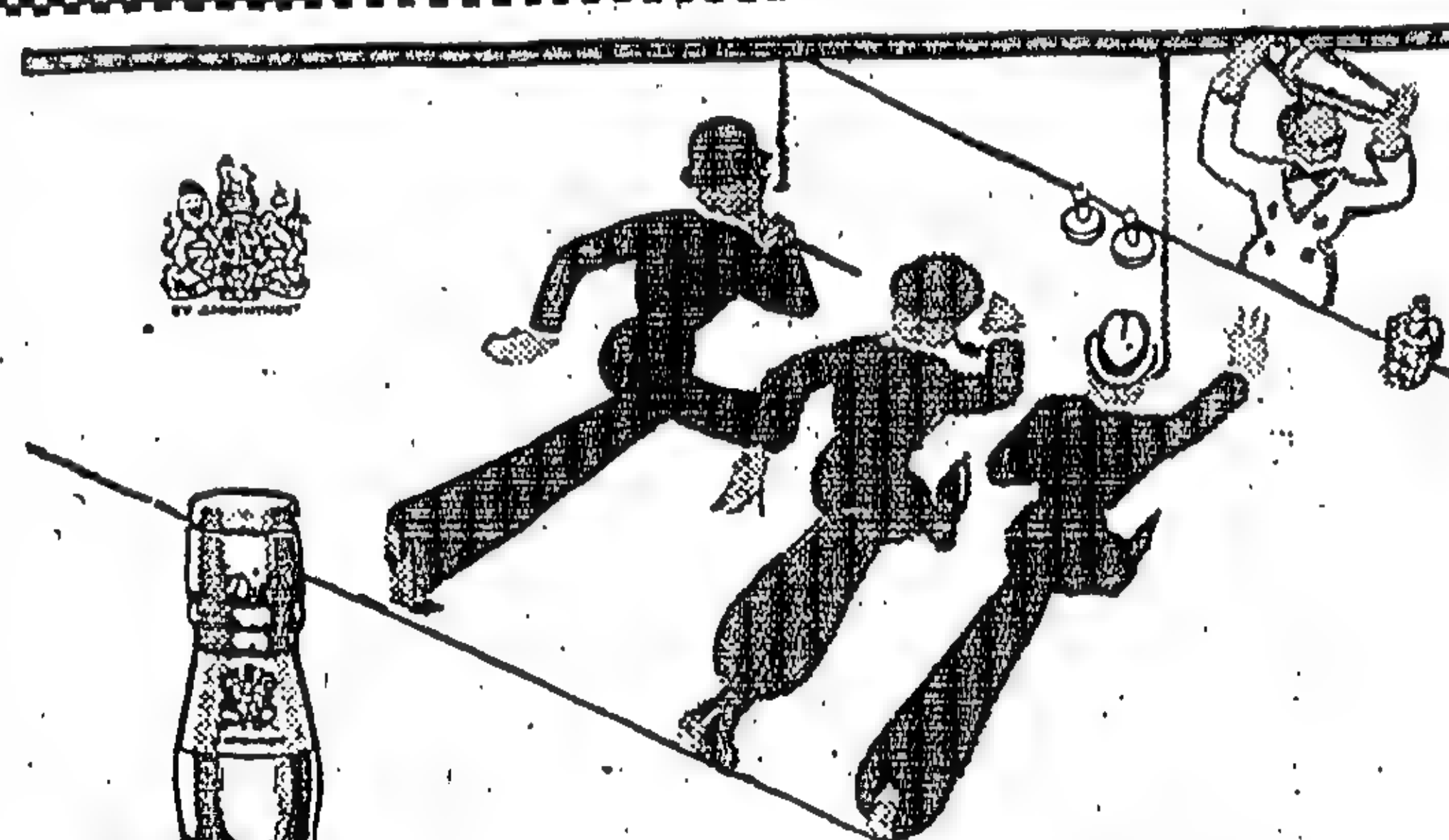
From all points of view, the re-introduction of badminton at this club, should be popularly received by all badminton enthusiasts as general facilities there are better than at any other club in the Colony with the exception of Club de Recreio.

It is to be hoped that some of those very enjoyable inter-club games between the latter club and K.C.C. will be revived.

Meanwhile a drive is being organised to attract all badminton-playing members to K.C.C. this evening in order to estimate possible talent.

AN interesting lawn bowls "challenge" match is due to be played at Kowloon Cricket Club in the near future.

The outgoing general committee, led by Mr. Justice Lindsell, will take on the rest of the Club.



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ALTHOUGH very little time has so far been spent in practice, many hockey games have been arranged to take place in the near future.

First round of the Small Units' Hockey Knock-out must be completed by the 25th of this month, and before that there is a preliminary round which is supposed to be finished by the 14th.

Rajputana Rifles, who must be regarded as firm favourites for the competition, have entered five teams and Kumaons, who seem most likely to finish runners up, have also entered five.

Only British units who seem likely to give them a run for their money are Middlesex, but they are not likely to be able to turn out strong enough Company teams to worry the tricky Indians.

Signals are also fairly strong, but being such a small unit have very little choice of personnel and are thus under rather a handicap. The same can be said of R.A.S.C. who have a very poor side this year.

As far as representative games go, Army should do fairly well. Lieutenant Hook, R.A., is still in the Colony and under his keen leadership a fine side should be got together.

THE Amateur Billiards championship has reached the third round and few surprises have occurred so far. Two

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

games have been completed in the fourth round resulting in Sgt. Wyre, R.A.M.C. and Sgt. Haslem, R.A.O.C. getting through.

In the draw for the third round Pte. Gordon of the Scots has drawn a stiff obstacle in Sapper Crittenden.

Crittenden has done consistently well this year and I think he will beat Gordon, L/C. Willis, C.M.P. who I sneakingly regard as a finalist in this competition, is drawn against Sgt. Carden, R.A.P.C. a rather fortunate third rounder, and should have no trouble in getting through. The Sapper Thompson-Sapper Hill match should be very keen, with Hill as an odds-on favourite unless he has lost form lately.

Pte. Fowler, R. Scots, is generally regarded as a snooker, rather than billiards expert, but appears in the third round against Sgt. Gales R.E. who should win. L/Sgt. Chalcraft, the Pay Corps expert, meets L/C. Duncan of R. Scots. I will not attempt to forecast the result of the game, but I do not think either of

them will see another round through! Two Medicals meet in L/C. Newton and Cpl. Dildyard and I think the latter will get through, but funny things can happen when two men from the same unit meet!

Incidentally whilst on the subject of billiards and its associate game, snooker, the rules of the snooker championship have been amended recently. In future, games in the preliminary rounds will consist of three frames, and those in the semi-final of five frames. In the finals seven frames will be played. I am unaware of the reason for this change; in the past all games consisted of three frames.

HEADQUARTERS, China Command, are once more running a cricket side this season, and are doing so without the aid of several outsiders who helped them out last year.

Several new recruits have joined their ranks and twenty four players are "on the books". A notable newcomer is Brigadier T. McLeod R. A.

who has been a good debater, good cricketer in his time. He is quite a good bat and can also keep wicket in an emergency. Colonel Rogers of the Pay Corps is also a very keen member, who, although he has not turned out for Headquarters before, has now been 'discovered' and it is hoped will be a regular member of the side.

Secretary of the Sports Board, Captain S. Burn, Royal Scots, is also having a go and is reported to be a steady opening bat who is slow but sure, and a bowler of some merit. Of course Major A. V. Petri, who is in charge of cricket in the Hong Kong Area, is in the side and others include Conductor Ebbage, R.A.O.C., Sgts. Chalcraft and Watson of the Pay Corps, Mr. Lim, who is a civilian who normally plays for Craigengower, and Cpl. Houlding R.E.

I think they should have a successful season. Few fixtures have so far been arranged owing to home ground difficulties, but matches have been asked for from C.B.S. and it is hoped that Kowloon C.C. will be able to arrange a fixture later on. The first match is against R.A.F. on October 22.

Annual meeting of Hong Kong Badminton Association will be held this evening in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post, Ltd., at 5.30 p.m.

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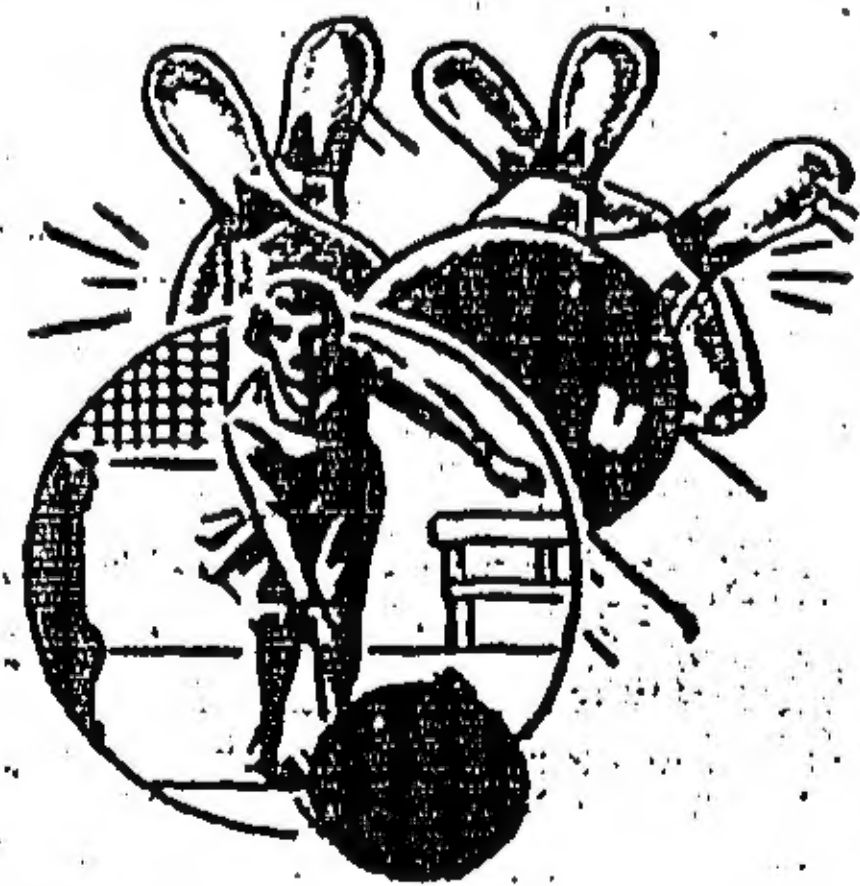
Newcomers include a number of outstanding Rugger men. Lieut. Ridsdale, of the Norfolk Regiment, who is here for a spell, played in the Army pack at Home and for Blackheath. Captain Duke, of Royal Scots, is another good forward who has seen the game as a member of the R.M.C. fifteen. Lieut. Pinkerton, also of Royal Scots, will be available, and, as he is a 13½ stone man with speed, he should be a real asset to the pack. Lieut. Douglas, who played in the local 1938 International matches, is back again and will need a lot of watching at fly-half. Lieut. Otway, of Royal Engineers, showed quite clearly during the Sappers' trials that he is a deadly tackle, while his defensive play leaves nothing to chance. He appears to be a certainty for the full-back position.

INSPIRING CAPTAIN

In Lieut. Cuthbertson, who was captain of last year's Army fifteen and who also took part in the Colony Interport games at forward, Army have an inspiring leader. Lieut. Hook, who played in many representative games last season, is again in harness, while Waite, Boe and Lang, who were also members of the Army fifteen last season, are getting well into their stride, and the Army three-quarter line will take a lot of stopping this season.

Army have lost valuable players in Gudgeon, Crawford and Chiverall, who have departed for Home since last season. Many will remember the hard running of Chiverall, who will be sadly missed as he was a great asset to the team in general. He sustained a nasty injury during a Army v Club game last season.

Four trial teams will be seen in action on the Army ground, Sookun-poo, next Tuesday, commencing at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. and two very interesting games should be seen.



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Summing up, Club and Police will certainly have to look to their laurels against what is certain to be a vastly improved Army fifteen who will be determined to put Army Rugby on the pedestal on which it stood in the time of the Royal Welch Fusiliers' stay here three years ago.

TUESDAY'S TEAMS

The following are the teams taking part in Tuesday's trials:

Team 'A' — Lieut. Otway, R.E.; Sapp. Artinistall, R.E., L/Cpl. Waite, R.E., L/Cpl. Boe, R.S. and L/Sgt. Lang, R.A.O.C.; Lieut. Douglas, R.S. (Capt.) and 2/Lt. Dunlop, M.C., R.S.; Sergt. Pursey, R.S., L/Cpl. Sutherland, R.S. and L/Cpl. Sheldrake, R.E.; 2/Lt. Pinkerton, R.S. and Corpl. Brinkley, R.E.; Corpl. Davis, R.E., Lieut. Ridsdale, R.N.R. and Capt. Duke, R.S.

Team 'B' — Lieut. Lomax, 8th. H.R.A.; Lieut. Belton, R.A.O.C.; Lieut. Skipworth, 8th. H.R.A.; Bomdr. Marsh, 8th. H.R.A. and Gunnr. Richards, 8th. H.R.A.; Lieut. Hook, 8th. H.R.A. (Capt.) and Bomdr. Smythe, 8th. H.R.A.; Pte. Bousted, R.A.O.C., Lieut. Hewitt, Mdx. and L/Bdr. Evens, 5th. A.A.R.A.; Pte. Mohan, R.A.M.C. and Pte. Berry, Mdx.; Sergt. Burrell, Mdx.; Sergt. Heaton, R.A.O.C. and Pte. Gildon, Seaforth, H. Details.

Team 'C' — Gunnr. Easterbrook, 5th. A.A.; L/Cpl. Smith, G. Seaforth H. D., Pte. Bickerly, R.A.M.C., L/Sgt. Coughlan, 5th. A.A. (Capt.) and Sigm. Willis, R.C.S.; Pte. Groves, Mdx. and L/Cpl. Leach, R.A.O.C.; Gunnr. Clarke, 5th. A.A.R.A., Corpl. Edge, R.A.M.C. and Gnr. Whitehead, 5th. A.A.R.A.; Gunnr. Cook, 8th. H.R.A. and Gunnr. McDermott, 8th. H.R.A.; L/Cpl. Gilham, Mdx., L/Cpl. Ross, R.S. and L/Cpl. Dunsmore, R.S.

Team 'D' — Sigm. Hill, R.C.S.; Corpl. Husband, R.C.S., L/Cpl. Picton, R.E., Sapp. Martin, R.E. and Pte. Cody, R.S.; L/Cpl. Moggridge, Mdx. and Pte. Gracie, R.S.; Sapp. Wilcox, R.E., Sapp. Killeen, R.E. and Pte. Hurlock, Mdx.; Pte. Lever, Mdx. and L/Cpl. Beaford, R.C.S.; L/Cpl. Foley, R.E., 2/Lt. Bartholomew, R.S. (Capt.) and Sapp. Hughes, R.E.

Reserves (To be present and ready to play) — Sapp. Jones, R.E., L/Cpl. Coombe, R.S., 2/Lt. Gibson, R.S., Sapp. Beare, R.E., L/Cpl. Lane, R.S. and Corpl. Nealon, R.S.

Referees — Lt. Pirie, R.S., and C.S.M. Hilton, R.E.

CORRESPONDENCE

[To the China Mail Sports Editor]

Dear Sir,—As the Baseball League and International Series are now over, I think it would be a good idea if the powers that be, would follow the procedure of the "Softball Committee" by giving a dance, at say, the Peninsula Hotel, where the presentation of the Trophies, if not already made, could be dealt with at the same time. I am sure from the increased interest this season, judging by the attendance at the games, that this dance would prove entirely successful.

An annual gala affair would be most appropriate, whereby all ball-players could congregate socially and instil yet greater interest in this great American Game. Yours etc., "VERITAS".

THE LEADING SKIPS

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| M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.) | 15 | 9 | 6 | 0 | 289 | 208 | 0 | 9 | 18 | | |
| E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.) | 16 | 9 | 7 | 0 | 311 | 339 | 0 | 28 | 18 | | |
| A. R. Dallah (I.R.C.) | 15 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 302 | 288 | 14 | 0 | 17 | | |
| A. K. Minu (I.R.C.) | 15 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 283 | 304 | 0 | 21 | 17 | | |
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| A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C.) | 13 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 285 | 249 | 38 | 0 | 17 | | |
| H. E. Strange (C.S.C.C.) | 13 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 233 | 227 | 6 | 0 | 16 | | |
| F. X. M. da Silva (Rec. "A") | 16 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 299 | 264 | 35 | 0 | 16 | | |
| J. Hollidge (C.S.C.C.) | 16 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 274 | 304 | 0 | 30 | 16 | | |
| W. Macfarlane (K.B.G.C.) | 14 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 272 | 246 | 26 | 0 | 15 | | |
| R. Basa (C.C.C.) | 14 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 278 | 273 | 5 | 0 | 14 | | |
| F. J. Jones (C.S.C.C.) | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 179 | 137 | 42 | 0 | 12 | | |
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| A. Brookbank (H.K.F.C.) | 14 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 290 | 264 | 26 | 0 | 19 | | |
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| A. Spary (K.T.G.C.A.) | 14 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 288 | 275 | 13 | 0 | 14 | | |
| S. Eccleshall (C.S.C.C.) | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 204 | 177 | 27 | 0 | 13 | | |
| J. A. R. Selby (H.K.F.C.) | 14 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 260 | 272 | 0 | 12 | 13 | | |
| A. H. Basto (K.T.G.C.A.) | 14 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 261 | 297 | 0 | 36 | 13 | | |
| C. S. Rosslet (C.C.C.) | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 185 | 124 | 61 | 0 | 11 | | |
| H. Gittins (K.T.G.C.A.) | 14 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 268 | 289 | 0 | 21 | 10 | | |
| W. V. Field (K.F.C.) | 14 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 254 | 302 | 0 | 48 | 10 | | |
| J. G. Meyer (K.B.G.C.) | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 182 | 113 | 49 | 0 | 9 | | |
| J. S. Logan (K.B.G.C.) | 11 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 219 | 206 | 13 | 0 | 9 | | |
| V. Chittenden (K.F.C.) | 11 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 196 | 206 | 0 | 10 | 9 | | |

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| O. P. Remedios (Recreio) | 15 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 379 | 201 | 178 | 0 | 29 | | |
| H. L. Lockhart (K.B.G.C.) | 15 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 335 | 262 | 73 | 0 | 21 | | |
| P. J. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.) | 15 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 331 | 283 | 48 | 0 | 21 | | |
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Hong Kong, Friday, October 6, 1939.
12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Webster Booth (Tenor) and Marek Weber and His Orchestra. From Offenbach's Sample Box—Fantasia (Urbach)..... Marek Weber & His Orchestra. The World Is Mine To-night (Posford); Pale Moon (Logan)... Webster Booth (Tenor) with Orch. Hai, Vienna—Potpourri (Dostal)....

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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and

Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends.

Smoke Gets In Your Eyes (Kern); You've Got To Admit (from 'Hi Diddle Diddle'); Double Or Nothing—Film Selection; Mr. Dodd Takes The Air—Film Selection; Can't We Talk It Over (Washington & Young); Now That You're Gone (Kahn & Florio); Hitting A New High—Film Selection; Sleepytime Down South (Rene & Muse); Life Is Just A Bowl Of Cherries (Brown & Henderson).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 86 in D Major. London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Internationale (film 'Everything is Rhythm'); Slow Fox-Trot—Black Minnie's Got The Blues (film 'Everything is Rhythm')..... Harry Roy & His Orchestra.

One-Step—Madam Ah! La Marquise Ah!; Quickstep—I Like Bananas.... Joe Loss & His Orch. Fox-Trots—She; We're Tops On Saturday Night (from 'Soft Lights and Sweet Music').... Ambrose & His Orchestra.

Waltz—Stars In My Eyes (film 'The King Steps Out'); Take My Heart.... Maurice Winnick & His Orch. Tangos—Laisse-Moi T'aimer; Toi Seule.... Mario Melfi & His Argentine Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—The Seat Singers; Boris On The Bass.... Harry Roy & His Orchestra. Waltzes—Neapolitan Nights; Midnight Waltz.... Gino Bordin & His Hawaiians.

6.45 p.m.—London Relay—News Supplement.

6.55 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.57 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Who's Hooper?" Book by Fred Thompson and Lyrics by Clifford Gray. Music by Howard Talbot and Ivor Novello. Adapted for the microphone by Henrik Ege. Production by George Barker.

7.56 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude. The Clock And The Dresden China

Figures (Ketelbey)..... Ferdie Kauffman & His Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Handel—Water Music Suite. Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

8.20 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Prue Lewis (Violin) and J. R. M. Smith, A.R.C.O. (Piano).

1. Toccata in A (Purcell)..... J. R. M. Smith at the Piano.

2. (a) Adagio and Corrente (Eccles); (b) Two Hornpipes (Ravenscroft); (i) Ratchlife Cross; (ii) Royal Volunteer.... Prue Lewis (Violin) with J. R. M. Smith at the Piano.

3. Three Pieces by Frederic Delius: (i) Prelude—Scherzando; (ii) Valse Lente; (iii) Prelude—Allegro.... J. R. M. Smith at the Piano.

4. (a) Two Poems (John McEwen): (i) Breath O' June; (ii) The Lone Shore; (b) English Dance (Benjamin Dale).... Prue Lewis (Violin) with J. R. M. Smith at the Piano.

8.50 p.m.—Rossini—Overture "Semi-ramide". Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by Arturo Toscanini.

9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.30 p.m.—Songs by Lina Pagliughi (Soprano).

"William Tell"—Selva opaca deserta brughiera (Rossini). "The Pearl Fishers"—Cavatina di Leila (Bizet).

9.39 p.m.—Next week's programmes.

9.43 p.m.—Rubinstein at the Piano. Nocturne in G Minor, Op. 37, No. 1 (Chopin); Nocturne in C Minor, Op. 27, No. 1 (Chopin); Polonaise No. 2 in E Flat Minor, Op. 26, No. 2 (Chopin).

10.00 p.m.—Dvorak—Quartet in A Flat Major, Op. 105. Prague String Quartet.

10.27 p.m.—Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

The Border Ballad (Cowen); Glory of the Sea (Sanderson); The Miner's Dream of Home (Godwin & Dryden).

10.37 p.m.—Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards. Villanelle (Dell-Acqua—Winterbottom); Marche Militaire (Schubert-Godfrey).

10.45 p.m.—Tidworth Tattoo—1934. Massed Bands of the Southern Command.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 10 8
♥ A 8 6
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ A K Q 2

Mr. Jacoby Howard Schenken

♠ 7 6 5 2 ♠ A K Q J 4
♥ 9 4 8 3 ♥ A J 7
♦ K J 7 2 ♦ W 8 4
♣ 5 ♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ 9 3
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ 10 9 8
♣ J 10 8 3

The bidding:

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♠ | Pass | 1♥ | Pass |
| 1♦ | Pass | 1NT | Pass |
| 3NT | Dbl. | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |

The bidding is quite interesting. Mr. Schenken's failure to overcall with his solid suit was due to the fact that he knew it was likely North would dive into notrump, in which case he (Schenken) would have the lead. However, North fooled him, and instead made a fancy bid of one spade. South then bid notrump, and when North jumped to three, Mr. Schenken promptly doubled, hoping his partner would read that he wanted a spade lead—not a diamond.

Mr. Jacoby thought over his lead carefully, reasoning as follows: "One or both of my opponents are prepared for clubs obviously. The heart bid is surely honest. Therefore, either the

diamond or the spade bid has been a fake. I have the King-Jack of diamonds; therefore my partner cannot be very strong in that suit and is obviously doubling for a spade lead."

Hence Mr. Jacoby led the seven of spades and the hand was defeated one trick, whereas a lead of any other suit would have given Declarer his contract.

You were Oswald Jacoby's partner yesterday and held:

♠ J 9 8 6 3
♥ A 6 5
♦ Q 9 8 6 2
♣ —

The bidding:

| Schenken | You | Maier | Jacoby |
|----------|------|-------|--------|
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3♣ | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |

What do you lead?

ANSWER: Your correct lead is your fourth-best diamond (the six). Declarer undoubtedly has a very long club suit and you want to attack immediately in the suit most likely to develop tricks for you.

Score 100% for six of diamonds, 70% for the deuce, nine or eight of diamonds (the fourth-best lead is standard; why confuse your partner?); 50% for six of spades, 0 for any other lead.

QUESTION NO. 224

You and your partner (Merwin Maier) are vulnerable; the opponents are not. You hold:

♠ K J 9 8 3
♥ K J 9 7 2
♦ J 9 4
♣ —

The bidding:

| Burnstone | You | Schenken | Maier |
|-----------|------|----------|-------|
| 1♠ | Pass | 4♣ | Pass |
| 6♣ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

What do you lead? (Answer tomorrow.)

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By Order of the Board,
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Hong Kong, 4th. October, 1939.

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THE EIGHTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 7th and TUESDAY, 10th October, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on both days.

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 9th day of October, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Island Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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POLES JOINING LEGION

Brussels, To-day.
Six hundred Poles living in Belgium left for France yesterday to join the Polish Legion which is being formed there.

The men were miners, and as more of their comrades are also leaving for France shortly, the Belgian authorities are presented with the problem of obtaining substitute labour.—Reuter.

CATHOLICS AND NAZI AGGRESSION

Brussels, To-day.
"Libre Belge," a Catholic journal with a wide circulation, yesterday said that a manifesto issued by the pro-German party in Belgium was decidedly unjust to Britain.

The manifesto referred to Britain's policy of Imperialist expansion.

The newspaper says it suffices to compare the policy of Imperialist conquest of the Nazis and Britain's conservative expansion.

One nation seeks to guard the full freedom of small nations, the other to dominate the whole world and to present a continual menace to freedom.—Reuter.

TURKISH ANTI-NAZI ATTITUDE

Ankara, To-day.

The semi-official Turkish newspaper yesterday refuted Nazi claims that Britain was responsible for the war.

The journal says that every small nation in Europe is threatened with Nazi domination, including Yugoslavia.

Great Britain, it says, refuses to recognise the rule of force and the wiping out, one by one, of the smaller States.

Britain is determined to vanquish Germany and restore sanity in Europe.—Reuter.

TASS DENIES SINKIANG STORY

MOSCOW, TO-DAY.

A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED THROUGH TASS, THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEW AGENCY, DENIES REPORTS PUBLISHED IN THE FOREIGN PRESS THAT SOVIET TROOPS ARE CONCENTRATED ON THE BORDERS OF SINKIANG.

The Communique describes the reports as "a malicious fabrication circulate for provocative purposes."—Reuter.

Piquancy is added to this message in view of the fact that the reports were "confirmed" by Domei, the Japanese news agency.

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Tokyo, To-day.

The Japanese newspapers continue engrossed with the Foreign Office imbroglio, in connection with which the Foreign Office dissenters and the Government continue adamantly to uphold their respective viewpoints.

Practically the whole of the Foreign Office staff, including 800 subordinate officials are submitting their resignations.

The "Mutineers" Committee of Four again saw Admiral Nomura yesterday afternoon and stressed that the Trade Ministry organisation entirely ignores the inseparability of political and economic diplomacy abroad, and therefore absolutely unacceptable from the viewpoint of State policy.

They requested Admiral Nomura to reconsider his attitude and insist upon unification of diplomacy to the Cabinet.

The Foreign Minister replied that he was unable to accept the viewpoint and declared that the dissenters were exceeding their duties as permanent officials.—Reuter.

Toronto, To-day.

Senator Vaudrien (Montreal) stated yesterday that there would be no dearth of Canadians of both French and English descent who would be drawn to the side of their mother countries.

Canada, he said, had not desired war but as a free nation they would fight until victory was achieved.—Reuter.

Macao, To-day.

Japanese planes appeared over Shek-ki this morning. Several bombs were dropped and areas were machine-gunned by low flying planes.

Japanese gunboats opposite Taiwongtau renewed the shelling of Cheungkapin and other villages south of the Wangmoon Channel.

Chungtau, on the north-east coast of Chungshan, has been reduced to a heap of ruins by severe shelling. Many villagers were killed and hundreds are homeless.—Our Own Correspondent.



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